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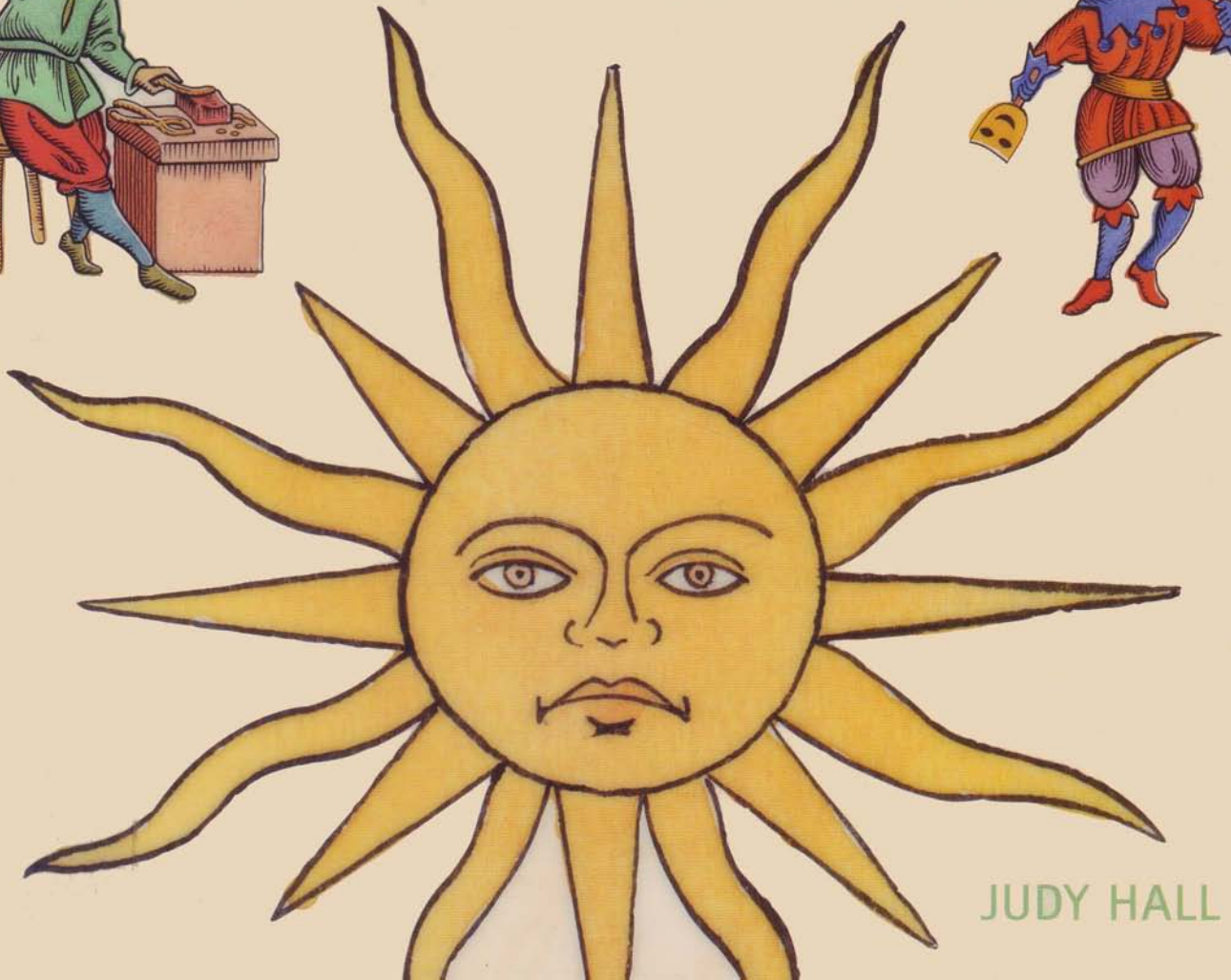

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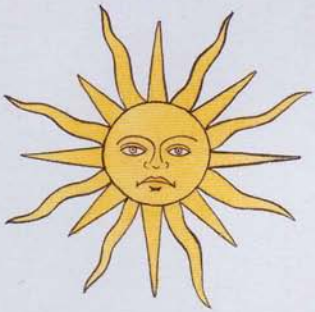

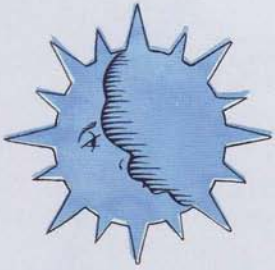

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I would like to honor all my students and the clients who have taught me so much about the working of karma and astrology as I watched their lives unfold over the last thirty years. They have shown, time and again, that even the most difficult karma can be transformed and their courage in moving forward has been an ongoing inspiration. My heartfelt thanks and love go especially to the master class of 2002 (and the staff at the retreat house at Glastonbury Abbey) who made possible such a profound healing of one of my own past life experiences and who so joyously welcomed the transmission of wisdom garnered over many lifetimes. My editor at Godsfield Press, Mark Truman, has been a joy to work with and, as might be expected, his astrological chart fitted exactly into the unfurling moment.

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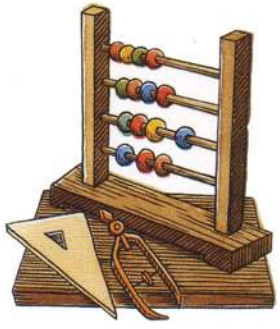

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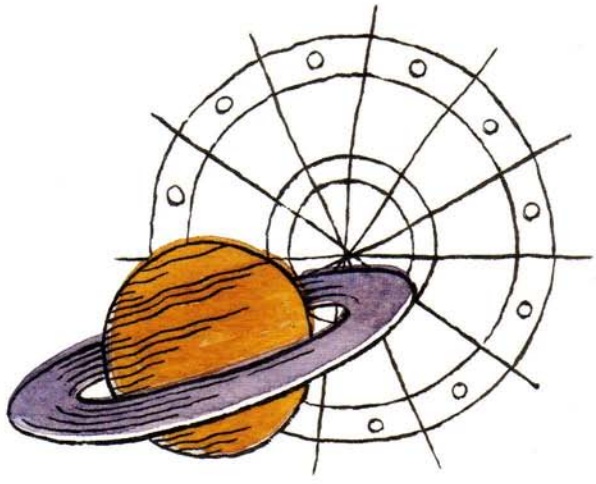
Introduction

Past lives and destiny

Karmic Astrology is the key that will unlock your past lives. While your birthchart will not provide the fine detail of your former lives, the arrangement of the planets at the moment of your birth maps out your karma, highlights your soul's challenges, and pinpoints the ingrained patterns that you have carried over from other lives. Your chart maps your potential and purpose and may also hint at where or how you have lived before.



UNLOCKING THE PAST THROUGH ASTROLOGY

Past life astrology will help you to understand your past lives and their effect on your present life. It will enable you to understand your karmic inheritance and the way your soul wants to grow. Karmic simply means "pertaining to karma," and this type of astrology looks to the past to explain the present.

You will no doubt be familiar with "Sun-sign astrology," which is based on the sign of the zodiac in which the sun resides at your birth. It says that as an Aries, for example, you will have a particular character and a specific approach to the world. According to conventional astrology, the birthchart describes who you are. But the notion of a baby being a "blank slate," randomly born at a specific moment in time and imprinted with specific traits according to where the sun is to be found in the sky, seems nonsensical to many people.

However, astrology, and an individual's birthchart, are much more subtle than this. Your birthchart shows the heavens as they appeared overhead when you were born and, as such, is deeply symbolic. When you are introduced to indepth astrology and told that the birthchart is a map of your entire psyche with your inbuilt expectations and ingrained reactions, as well as what will unfold during your life, you may well ask "Why? Where does that come from? Why do I respond in that way, why do I have that particular expectation? What made me that way?"

Where did your particular traits come from? Only when you look at the idea of reincarnation can you find an answer.

What happens to a person is characteristic of him. He presents a pattern and all the pieces fit. One by one, as his life proceeds, they fall into place according to some preordained design.

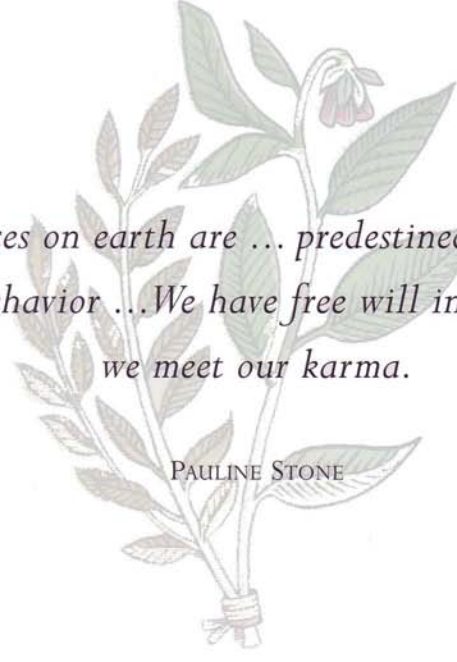
CARL G. JUNG

Reincarnation stipulates that you have lived before and have incarnated once again into your present body. Where karmic, or past life, astrology differs from conventional astrology is that past life astrologers believe that the birthchart sets out a picture that reflects your previous experience, the credits and deficits you yourself created in another life. Conventional astrology says that these patterns arose from a random act of fate: your birth. However, past life astrologers would say that this moment of birth is carefully chosen so that the chart fits both your past experience and the lessons you have incarnated to learn as well as your potential for the future.

In other words, your birthchart is a map of your karma—the sum total of your actions in the past that will have an effect on your present life. However, it is not necessary to believe in previous lives to use past life astrology. The past stretches back from a moment ago to as far as you want to take it: birth, conception, or beyond. By looking at your chart from the karmic perspective, you will understand the person you are now and the potential you have for soul growth.

WHAT ACTUALLY REINCARNATES?

The part of you that reincarnates is the soul, or spirit. This is the eternal, and many past life astrologers would say divine, part of you. Your eternal Self. It is the soul that wants to learn, to grow, to evolve. To do this, it uses a physical body. That body may be male or female, but the soul is not gender specific. Some lifetimes will be lived in a female body because it is more appropriate for the lessons that are to be learned or the karma that is to be worked with, while other lives will be lived as a male, for the same reason.



Our experiences on earth are ... predestined by virtue of our own past behavior ...We have free will in respect of how we meet our karma.

PAULINE STONE

How to use this book

This book will help you to explore your past lives and their effect on your present life. To do this, you will need a birthchart. However, you do not need to understand astrology to use the book. Each section takes you through your chart step by step. While there is more depth of understanding with a chart based on time of birth, if you do not know exactly when you were born a sunrise chart will give an overall view of your karmic credits and deficits.

YOUR BIRTHCHART

Your birthchart is a map of the heavens overhead at the moment you were born. To calculate a birthchart accurately, your date, place, and time of birth are required. In some countries time of birth is recorded on the birth certificate, but in others you might have to rely on someone's memory. If you do not know your time of birth, a chart calculated for sunrise in the country of your birth will give the symbolic picture of your incarnation.

CALCULATING A BIRTHCHART

This is not something you need to be able to do yourself to use this book! Any competent astrologer can calculate your birthchart or you can obtain a computer generated chart.

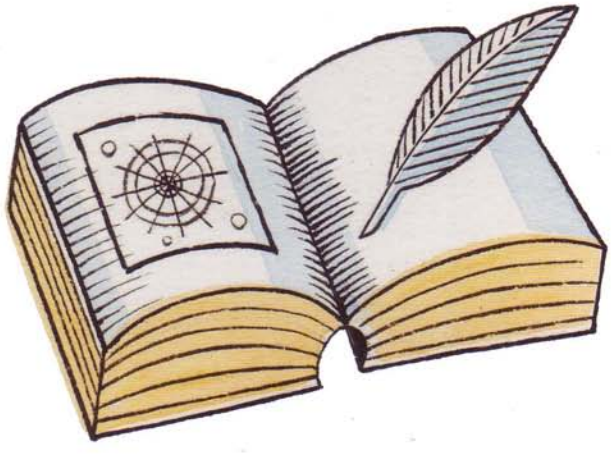
UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIRTHCHART

When you are first faced with a birthchart you may be somewhat bewildered. Don't worry. Take your time. Look at the illustration on page 11 and familiarize yourself with where to find the information on the chart.

In the pages that follow you will be taken through your chart step by step so that the past is gradually unveiled. Later you will learn how to synthesize apparent contradictions in your chart.

USE THIS BOOK TO EXPLORE YOUR BIRTHCHART

As you work with the book, follow your own chart through each stage rather than trying to read everything at once. The process of understanding a chart is easy if you follow these simple steps and use the information in the pages that follow as a guide to your chart. You can then apply it to the charts of your friends and family.



• **The Elements:** The zodiac is divided into four elements (fire, earth, air, and water). The element in which your Sun-sign is placed has a strong influence on your character. On your chart you will find an indication of the number of planets in each element (see chart opposite). You can ascertain whether they are in balance or not (see pages 20–25).

• **The Moon:** Read the general information on the Moon (see pages 26–29), then look up your Moon placement on your birthchart and read about it on pages 30–53. If you don't have a birthchart, you can calculate your moon position using Appendix 1: Finding Your Moon Sign (see pages 150–155).

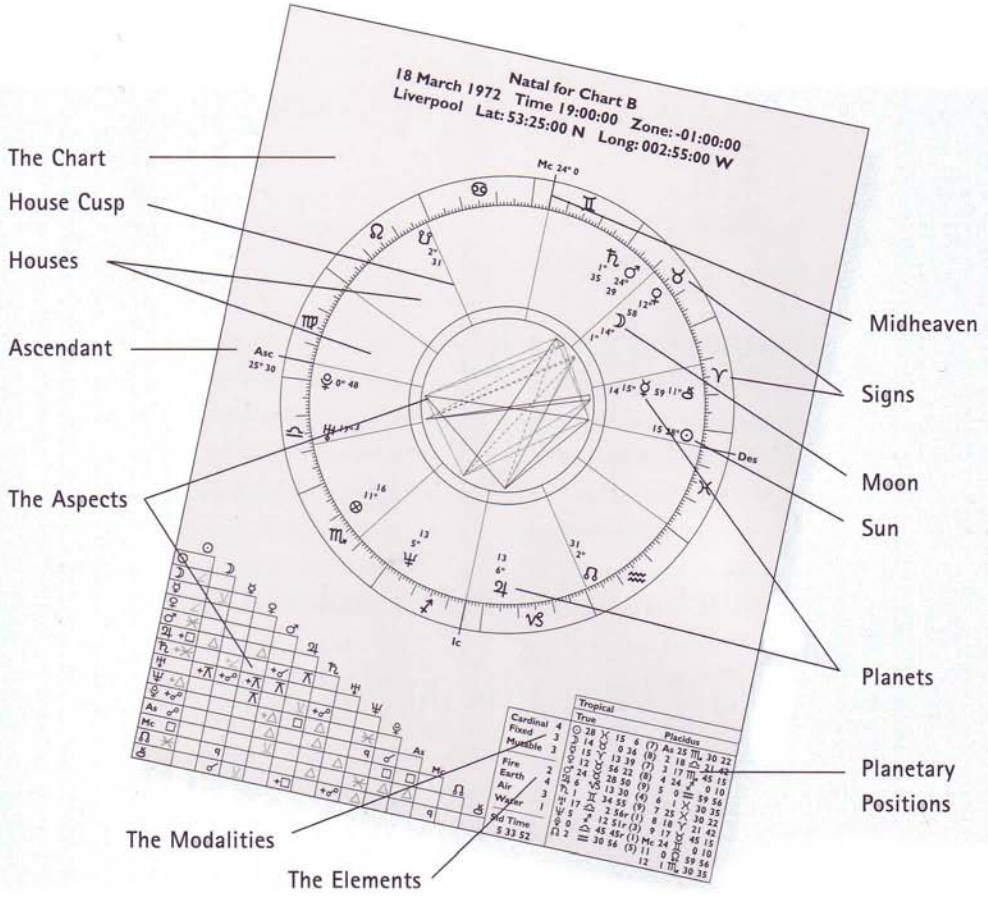
• **The Sun:** Read the introductory pages and information about your own Sun-sign (see pages 54–79). (You will find that the Moon, the Sun, and the Moon's Nodes placed in a sign have rather similar interpretations, although there are subtle differences.)

Sun-signs

	Sign	Dates	Element
♈	Aries	*March 21 – April 19*	Fire
♉	Taurus	*April 20 – May 20*	Earth
♊	Gemini	*May 21 – June 20*	Air
♋	Cancer	*June 21 – July 22*	Water
♌	Leo	*July 23 – Aug 22*	Fire
♍	Virgo	*Aug 23 – Sept 22*	Earth
♎	Libra	*Sept 23 – Oct 22*	Air
♏	Scorpio	*Oct 23 – Nov 21*	Water
♐	Sagittarius	*Nov 22 – Dec 21*	Fire
♑	Capricorn	*Dec 22 – Jan 19*	Earth
♒	Aquarius	*Jan 20 – Feb 18*	Air
♓	Pisces	*Feb 19 – March 20*	Water

Planet symbols

	Planet
☉	Sun
☽	Moon
☿	Mercury
♀	Venus
♂	Mars
♃	Jupiter
♄	Saturn
⚷	Chiron
♅	Uranus
♆	Neptune
♇	Pluto
☊	North Node
☋	South Node



• **The Planets:** Their placement shows drives and energies in your psyche (see pages 80–87).

• **The Aspects:** These are the geometric relationships that the planets have with each other. They will help you understand what your chart is telling you about your patterns from past lives (see pages 90–91).

• **The Twelve Houses:** Check out in which houses your planets are located (see pages 100–107). This will point to the areas of life where karma will manifest.

• **The Moon's Nodes:** These reveal your karmic purpose (see pages 108–117).

When you have mastered these sections, move on to specific areas such as childhood, relationships, or health. Synthesizing the different parts of your chart takes practice, but look out for the main themes to begin with, especially those supported by several indicators, and learn to recognize the conflicting parts of yourself. You will soon recognize where karma is manifesting most strongly. Look at charts for friends and family to help you to familiarize yourself further with karmic astrology.

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WHAT IS KARMA?

KARMA IS a much more complex concept than *'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.'* It is the law of cause and effect in operation: what goes around, comes around. The word karma means *'action.'* What has been put into effect at some time in the past has an outcome in the present or in the future.

UNDERSTANDING KARMA

The traditional view of karma says that you will reap what you have sown. But karma also shows where balance is needed. The working out of karma may involve reparation, or even retribution, for past actions. But it also involves reward and restitution. It does not simply stem from actions and events. It encompasses attitudes, thoughts, and desires—and ingrained reactions that have become a habit and that need to be outgrown. What you desire today becomes your apparent fate tomorrow.

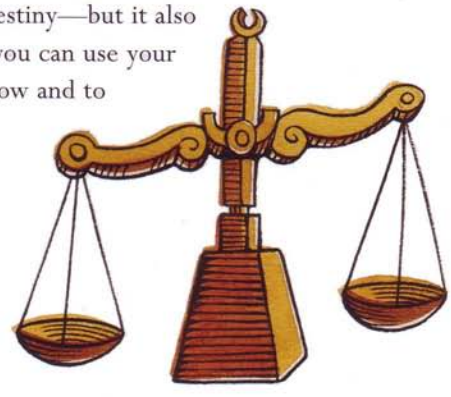
Karma is neutral, neither "good" nor "bad" (although its effects may sometimes be experienced as "bad karma" coming home to roost). What has been set in motion is having an effect that can be positive and constructive, or debilitating and, apparently, destructive. Karma is not static and unchanging. You are continually setting karma in motion, just as you are constantly reaping your past karma. Karma is active now, not just in your past. What you set in motion today will have consequences. These consequences may become apparent in five minutes' time, in a week, in a year or two, or in another lifetime altogether. If you understand the workings of karma, you can set positive, constructive karma in motion as you fulfill your highest potential and master your karmic lessons.

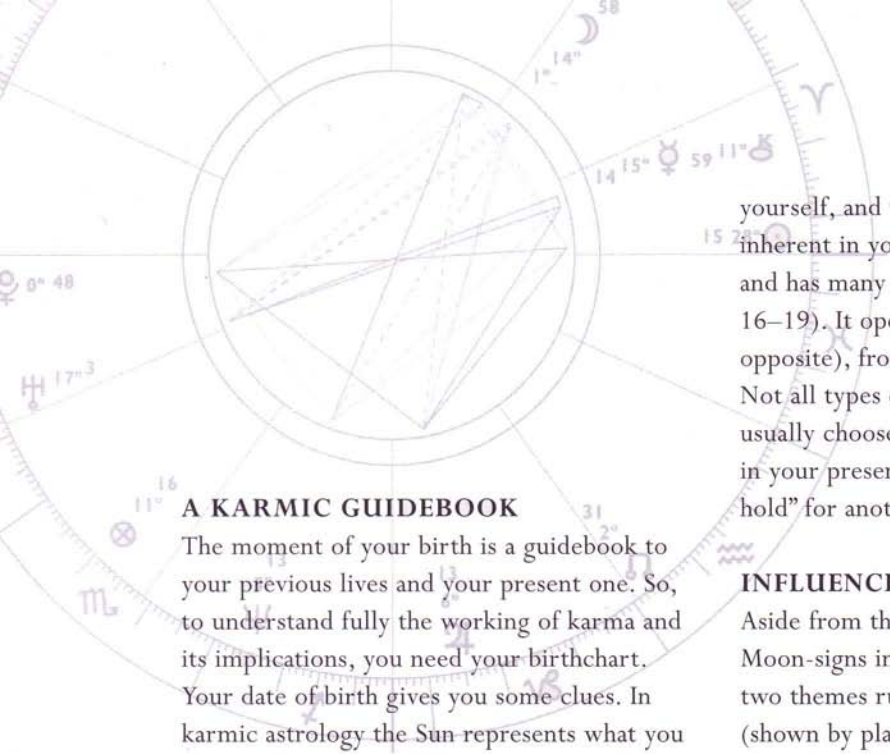
PAST LIFE ASTROLOGY AND KARMA

Past life astrology looks at the planetary placements and aspects in your birthchart to ascertain your karma. Everything in your chart can be manifested constructively or destructively. Karma is purposeful, concerned with growth and evolution, rather than punishment; it is an ongoing lesson. Therefore, understanding your birthchart from the karmic point of view will help you to understand why you are here and what you hope to achieve.

KARMA AND DESTINY

If you believe in karma and reincarnation, then you believe that you are in a purposeful incarnation: that you are fulfilling your destiny. Some people would call it fate, but fate is firmly fixed and cannot be changed, whereas destiny is an evolving future. Karmic astrology believes in free will and the power to change the future. The birthchart shows the pattern you have laid down—your fate or destiny—but it also shows where you can use your free will to grow and to find a positive outcome for your karma.





A KARMIC GUIDEBOOK

The moment of your birth is a guidebook to your previous lives and your present one. So, to understand fully the working of karma and its implications, you need your birthchart. Your date of birth gives you some clues. In karmic astrology the Sun represents what you are trying to develop, the qualities you are endeavoring to incorporate into your eternal being. It shows what your soul—the vehicle for your eternal Self—needs to experience. A chart for your time of birth gives fuller information. The North Node of the Moon, for instance, indicates your soul's purpose according to the sign in which it is placed. The South Node of the Moon and the sign in which the Moon was placed when you were born, tell you about your soul's history and the deeply ingrained emotional response you have built up over many lives. Your Moon placement also shows what you need to nurture and comfort you.

The chart maps out patterns stemming from karma and can be seen as showing your "fate." However, this fate is not fixed. The chart also shows your potential. Your free will allows you to choose the way forward, to embrace freely the lessons you have set yourself, and to develop the possibilities inherent in your chart. Karma is all-embracing and has many manifestations (see pages 16–19). It operates at different levels (see opposite), from the personal to the universal. Not all types of karma are active at once. You usually choose one or two aspects to work on in your present incarnation and put others "on hold" for another life.

INFLUENCES ON KARMA

Aside from the broad canvas of what Sun- and Moon-signs indicate, it is usual to find one or two themes running through a birthchart (shown by planetary placements and their geometric relationships to each other), indicating what you have selected to work on at the present time.

Common themes revolve around "Love" (the planet Venus), "Will/Assertion" (Mars), or "Power" (Pluto), but there are several others. You may have elected to look at these themes from a broad perspective, bringing together strands you have explored in many lives, or to concentrate on one aspect only. You could be looking at all aspects of love, for example, or working only on developing unconditional love.

Three things particularly affect karma. Desire is a powerful manifester of karma. We create what we want, need, or crave. The strength of desire can transcend death and pull you back into incarnation to deal with unfinished business. It creates life scripts; plans you follow involuntarily. Much of the karma you have to deal with is from desire (or

Karmic levels

Personal Karma: Karma carried from life to life by an individual soul. What you have created in the past and incarnate to deal with for yourself. (Personal karma is the birthchart.) It can be overridden by:

Group or Racial Karma: Karma that belongs to a group of people. The group can vary in size from a family, or group of friends, to a tribe or race of people. Most people involved in group karma have incarnated into that group before. (Indications of group karma are seen in the Eleventh House of your chart.)

Collective Karma: Collective karma arises from all that has gone before. In a sense it is the karma of the human race. Although positive collective karma is generated, it is the negative karma that creates problems for future generations. No one person is responsible for it in the sense of having personally created it. Individuals may have been part of its manifestation in other lives; taking part in wars, purges, ideologies, and other collective movements. Certain people incarnate with the intention of taking on part of this collective karma and clearing it for the wider whole. (Indications of collective karma may be seen in the Twelfth House, Pisces, and Moon in Capricorn.)

Cosmic Karma: The cosmos needs to grow and to evolve. Cosmic karma is the spiritual karma of humankind, and can override all other karmas. It can be seen in new religions that sweep through the world, or in the urge to explore outer, and inner, space. Cosmic karma is strongly connected to the need for each individual to evolve and to recognize, and take responsibility for, their part in the whole. (Cosmic karma is beyond your birthchart.)

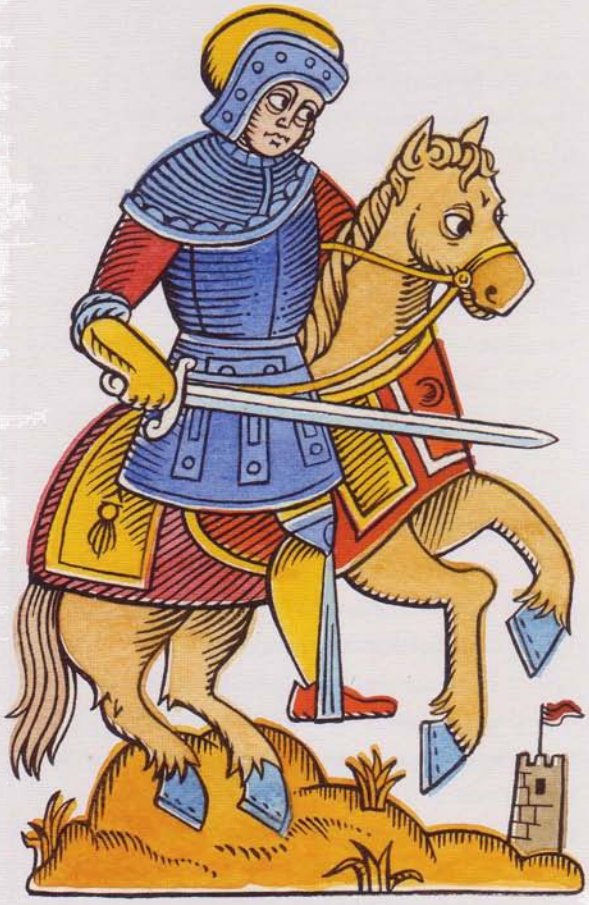
will). In the birthchart, Mars and Pluto and the aspects other planets make to them are indicators of desire and the force of your will. Purpose is what you have reincarnated to do and it can overcome destructive desires. Purpose is shown both in your Sun-sign and the North Node of the Moon. Grace often strengthens your purpose and helps it to manifest. Grace is an offer from the highest part of your being to release your karma. There are some lessons or situations that cannot be continued with, perhaps because they concern another person who is unwilling to learn. Grace says that when you have done all you can, you can let it go and no further karma will accrue. Grace is the highest vibration of your birthchart, representing your eternal, spiritual self.

Types of karma

Merit karma

This is a reward for all the things you got right in your past lives, all the lessons you learned, all the insights you put into practice. It is money in your karmic piggy bank. It often manifests as a talent in the present life.

Chart indicators: "Easy" aspects or specific planetary placements, especially linked to the Second House.



Recompense karma

Recompense karma is a reward or recognition for the things that you "got right" in the past, or for the sacrifices you made in order to help others. If, for example, you put your ambitions or a relationship on hold to care for someone who needed your help, then that person could well come back as a good friend who helps you out in the present incarnation.

Chart indicators: Helpful planetary placements and smooth, harmonious aspects and interaspects.

Redemptive karma

Some people incarnate to help others or to do something for the world. Other people take on tasks that will help to clear collective karma.

Chart indicators: People with strong redemptive karma often have an emphasis on the planet Neptune or the Twelfth House. Clearing collective karma is shown in a Twelfth House placement of the North Node.

Retributive karma

Karma that boomerangs. The classic "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" doctrine that says, for instance, if someone chopped off another person's hand in a former life, they are likely to have a paralyzed hand in the present life, or to lose the use of their hand in some way. In other words, what you have done to others comes back to you.

Chart indicators: Extremely challenging aspects and planetary placements, emphasis on the Sixth–Twelfth House axis.

Attitudinal karma

Attitudinal karma has usually been present during several lives. An intransigent attitude, ingrained behavior, or an intractable or habitual emotional stance results in some form of dis-ease, often at the physical level, during the present incarnation. So, for example, believing there would "never be enough" could manifest as an addiction. Arterial or heart problems could develop from "hard-heartedness" or a broken heart. Having an attachment to an ideal may also create karma.

Chart indicators: Reflected in fixed planetary aspects and the Sixth House.

Organic karma

Organic karma is rather like attitudinal karma. It reflects injuries or conditions from other lives.

Overindulgence in a former life, for instance, could manifest as obesity or liver problems in the present. If you died weakened by too much blood-letting, you could now suffer from anemia.

A past life back injury could underlie a chronic back problem; tuberculosis could result in present-life lung disease.

Chart indicators: The Sixth House.

Karmic treadmill

Destructive patterns that have not been outgrown are like a karmic treadmill. The same old thing goes around and around. Alcoholism is one example; relationships can provide many other examples.

Chart indicators: Difficult aspects and a preponderance of planets in a fixed sign.

Work karma

How you were employed in the past can have repercussions in the present and some people incarnate to continue their previous work (vocational karma).

Someone may have been a healer or doctor, for instance, and bring with them into the present life the urge to heal.

A former monk or nun could feel that they have a religious vocation in the present life, a musician the urge to continue with music.

The karma of work arises from several different past life causes. Previous lack of integrity, for instance, may manifest as someone who, in this life, is cheated by someone.

Having been a factory owner whose inadequate safety measures were responsible for many deaths, could underlie an urge to be a safety or fire officer in the present life.

Positive work karma could create skills to be drawn on in the present life. Technological karma stems from having had to make ethical decisions about the use, or misuse, of technology—or fighting against the introduction of new technology. It can relate to all periods in history but may go back in time as far as Atlantis or, more recently, to the Industrial and Technological Revolutions and their effects on people's lives.

Chart indicators: Sixth and Tenth Houses. Technological: Uranus, especially in the Sixth or Twelfth House. Planets in the Sixth and Tenth Houses are particularly relevant to vocations.

Symbolic karma

Not all karma is immediately obvious; symbolic karma can take some unraveling. The present life condition symbolizes what was done in the past. A witch-ducker in a former life might be incarnated as a bedwetter, for example.

Chart indicators: Aspects to appropriate planets and placements of planets in signs and houses delineate this karma.

Communication karma

How and what you choose to communicate can lead to karma. Gossiping over the fence, spreading scandal or untruth of all kinds, slandering or criticizing people, difficulty in communicating thoughts, feelings, and beliefs can create situations in this life.

Included in communication karma are ideology, hypocrisy, and mockery. Attachment to a belief, no matter how worthy, can create ideological karma. Imposing beliefs on other people also creates this karma. The beliefs may be religious, philosophical, or purely secular. But the karma has to be met in the current life.

Having said or done things a certain way, while believing something different, gives rise to the karma of hypocrisy. So does the "anything for a quiet life" approach. Hypocrisy arises from a lack of spiritual conviction and inner truth, or a betrayal of truth. A life then arises when that inner foundation has to be regained.

Mocking other people's afflictions, thoughts, beliefs, or actions gives rise to the karma of mockery. It is based on not valuing the path that another person travels. One such example is when you debase or make fun of someone else so that you can feel superior. The person who mocks often finds him- or herself living out in the present life the circumstances he or she so despised in a past life.

Chart indicators: Aspects to Mercury and its house placement point to the source. The Ninth House has to do with ideology, the Third House with gossip, and the Twelfth with slander.

Sins of omission and commission

What you do not do can be as karmically significant as what you do. If you have always behaved in a certain way, or consistently refused to take action or learn a lesson, then the karma comes around and around, again and again, until you get the message.

Chart indicators: Difficult, fixed aspects or an emphasis on sextiles.

Relationship karma

Relationship karma has many aspects. A couple may be brought together by true love, but this is not always so. Some people will not let go of someone they "love," and have to come back with that person until they can do so. The lesson can be painful, especially when the other person does not recognize the "love." Retribution can be part of relationship karma, as can recompense and reparation. It operates in families, groups, and work situations.

Chart indicators: Fifth, Seventh, and Eighth Houses and aspects to Venus.

Pacts and promises

The pacts and promises you made in a past life can strongly affect the present. They may involve another person or be personal. If you promised always to be there for someone, you might have to deal with the resulting relationship karma. If you once made a vow of celibacy it could strongly affect your sexual life in the present incarnation and a vow of poverty could seriously affect your material wealth in the present life.

Chart indicators: This depends on the vow. For example, celibacy: Saturn in the Eighth House, difficult Mars or Venus aspects; poverty: Saturn in the Second or Eighth House, or in Taurus, or in aspect to Jupiter. Relationship promises involve personal planet interaspects with Saturn and Neptune.

Karma-in-suspension

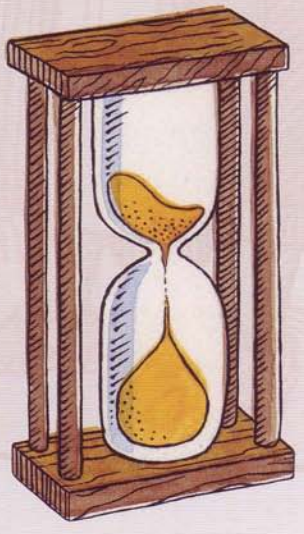
As not all karma can be dealt with at once, some of it remains in suspension to be dealt with at some other time—which may or may not occur during the present life.

Chart indicators: Wide connections between planets may indicate karma in suspension, especially if they will "catch up" and come into close orb at some time during your life.

Karma-in-the-making

What goes on in the present creates future karma. Remembering that each of your thoughts, deeds, actions, and beliefs creates what you will be is a way to bring positive karma into your next life.

Chart indicators: Cardinal squares and one-way interaspects between charts.



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COMING INTO INCARNATION: THE ELEMENTS

THE ELEMENTS (earth, air, water, and fire) represent ways of perceiving and interacting with the world. Earth relates to the body and to matter, air to the mind, water to emotions and feelings, and fire to spirit and intuition. A preponderance of an element may reflect a way of approaching the world that is comfortable but entrenched.

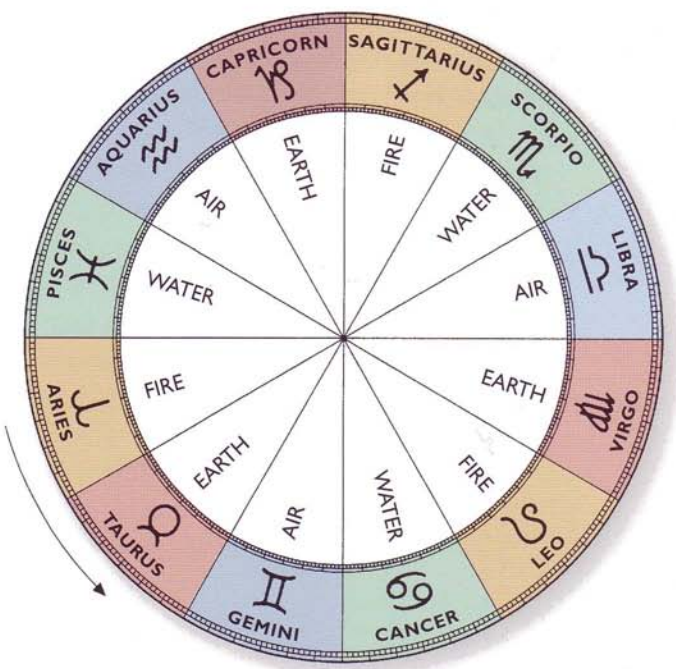
THE ELEMENTS

The zodiac is divided into four elements. The element in which your Sun-sign is placed has a strong influence on your character. Each of the elements approaches the world in a different way. Earth is practical and sense-orientated, experiencing life through a physical body. Air is rational and intellectual, seeking mental understanding and experiencing life through the mind. Water is sensitive and feeling-orientated, experiencing life through emotions. Creative fire has visionary perception and experiences life through intuition and spirit.

ELEMENTAL IMBALANCES

Your chart shows you how many planets you have in each element. It will say, for example, "Fire 3, Earth 3, Air 3, Water 1" (see chart, page 11). Computer generated charts—and most astrologers—rarely take the most recently discovered astrological "planet," Chiron, into account, so the planets add up to ten—Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. The planets may be evenly spread between the elements, but this is not always the case. More than three or no planets at all in an element is an imbalance. An imbalance can indicate a preponderance of a certain type of past life or an ingrained approach to life—overly emotional, rational, sensual, etc. On the other hand, you may have chosen to emphasize a certain element in the present life to compensate for a lack of that kind of experience in the past.

Each sign belongs to one of the four elements, which form a repeating pattern around the zodiac.



Earth: Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn

Earth is about entering into incarnation and experiencing life through a physical body and its five senses. This element shapes and forms matter. It deals with practicalities and masters the external environment. To do this, earth-signs use the senses of taste, touch, hearing, sight, and smell.

The earth element is concerned with security issues and with molding matter into form. There is a particularly strong contact with the land and with manufacturing and production. Earth indicates the craftsperson, but it is also the banker and the maker or purveyor of material goods. It is a fecund and productive element, and earth signs are known for practicality and pragmatism—and for self-sufficiency. Despite this, earth is a sensual element. Sex is one of the basic drives of earth. Fertility is another.

THE KARMIC CHALLENGE

To be comfortable in a body but not to be weighed down by that body. To retain the knowledge of being a spiritual being who is on a human journey. To experience the world through the senses and through the divine in equal measure.

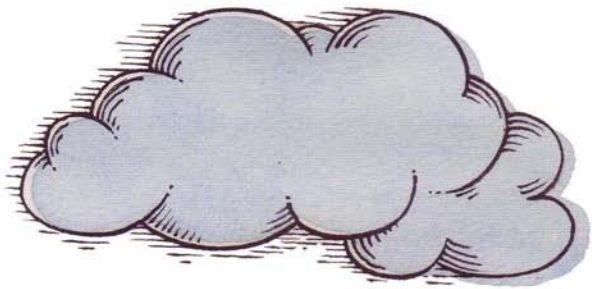
IMBALANCES

When an imbalance in the earth element occurs, there may have been difficulty in the past around being in a physical body. The body could have been ignored, abused, or misused. Ill-health could have been a problem, starvation or maltreatment are strong possibilities, over-indulgence another. There can be difficulty in letting go—of the past or of toxins on all levels. Too little earth in the chart, and you are ungrounded and off balance (and may develop weight problems to anchor you into the body). Too much and you can lack imagination and spontaneity. Eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia nervosa may well be linked to past life experiences if accompanied by an earth imbalance in the chart.

Air: Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius

Air is the mental element connected to understanding and intellectual concepts. It synthesizes information, forms and communicates ideas, and creates infinite possibilities. Souls with air signs experience the world objectively.

Air is about understanding the world and everything in it. Seeing beyond the confines of matter, air signs shape ideas and potentials with innovation and insight. Air signs conceptualize the world. To do this they need other people to bounce their ideas off. The need is not an emotional one. This element has to theorize, discuss, communicate, argue, and explore. It seeks intellectual rapport and mental stimulation. Knowledge and knowing are important for air signs, but they sometimes confuse the two, believing that "book knowledge" is true knowing. Air signs tend to be objective in interacting with the world, although beliefs may have a strong influence on them.



THE KARMIC CHALLENGE

To explore and understand the world without becoming too head-orientated. To appreciate what it means to be fully human. To communicate ideas and possibilities. To explore and share feelings and emotions by actually experiencing them rather than having an intellectual discussion. To distinguish between knowledge and knowing.

IMBALANCES

The mind can be all-powerful. Air imbalances may well indicate people who have been ruled by the intellect in past lives, and may equally have had lives where they were unable to think for themselves. They could have followed other people's rules, or have been ruled by their own subconscious processes. An emphasis on air can indicate someone who has had many "head-orientated," intellectual lives, most probably to the detriment of emotion and intuition, and who is trying to break out of relying on rationality or cynicism. It usually indicates a person out of touch with his or her emotions and who has shut out feelings in the past because these have been unbearable. An absence of air can show irrational lives, perhaps dogged by superstition or fear. It can also indicate someone who has followed a rigid dogma and who has not developed his or her own ideas or spirituality.

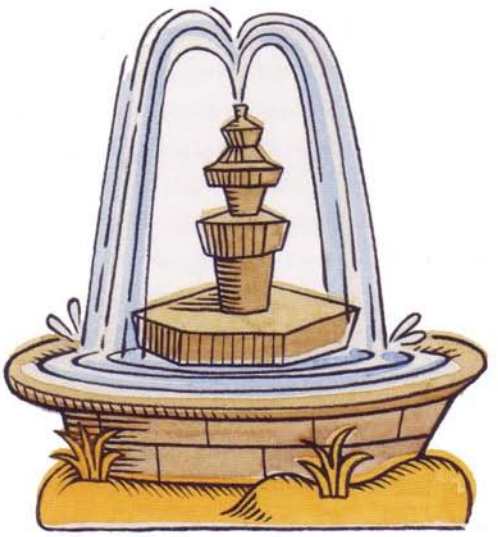
Water: Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces

Water signs experience the world subjectively through their emotions and intuitive perceptions. They reflect the world around them, flowing this way and that as a reaction to what they feel. Water signs are empathetic and attuned to other people's feelings.

The sensitive water signs are the most highly emotional and feeling-orientated signs in the zodiac. Behavior is motivated by emotional responses that are subjective and subconscious. These responses may come straight from another life. Imagination runs high and the feelings flow freely, carrying the water sign without conscious direction. Water signs are emotionally vulnerable because they need other people. Finding difficulty in being objective, they see themselves reflected back through the eyes of another—and may be deeply hurt in the process. This is a caring and sensitive element but one that is easily pulled back into "old roles," such as the nurturer, the rescuer—or the persecutor.

THE KARMIC CHALLENGE

To be a person who has emotions, who experiences the world through those emotions, but who is not overwhelmed by them. To change ingrained emotional reactions into spontaneous emotional responses. To develop emotional detachment while remaining empathetic and sensitive to the feelings and needs of others. To establish strong boundaries, knowing where one's Self ends and someone else begins.



IMBALANCES

An overemphasis on water in the chart indicates powerful emotions and uncontrollable feelings spilling over from other lives. It is like being adrift in a boat that has lost its rudder and sail. A boat carried this way and that by emotional currents that are neither understood nor consciously recognized. (An indication that this is happening is that an emotional response is out of all proportion to the "trigger" that sets it off.) Someone with many planets in water may be overly sensitive or be carrying self-pity from life to life. A lack of water can indicate "emotional constipation" from a past life/lives where the emotions were tightly controlled, often because they were so painful that they had to be repressed in order to prevent the person being driven to a breakdown.

Fire: Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius

Fire is the element of spirit and creativity. This is an active, initiating, visionary element. Fiery beings roam far and wide in their search for inspiration and meaning. Their energy can light up the world, or scorch it out of existence.

Fire is the creative urge. It is the need to go out and conquer new horizons, to bring things into being, to set new possibilities in motion. Without fire regeneration could not take place, old energies could not be consumed, there could be no transmutation of the karmic past. Visionary fire has a warm and active approach to life. It initiates and motivates. The enthusiastic fire signs have an enormous appetite for life. This is an optimistic element that sees endless possibilities and wants to explore them all.

THE KARMIC CHALLENGE

The challenge for the passionate fire signs is to connect to the eternal spirit that shapes and moves lives. Without spirit, fire is dead. Fire signs must live vitally, energetically, and joyously. They must put their all into life, without burning out in the process. This is an element that must create, channeling and directing the life force in a constructive way.

IMBALANCES

Too much fire can be an all-consuming energy. It can burn out, suffer from over-enthusiasm, or endlessly start new projects that never get completed. It is over-optimistic, living on promises. The past life pattern may well have been egocentric and impulsive. The challenge now is to act spontaneously but with thought—and to exercise patience. As pride is often a part of the fire imbalance, there may be a need to practice humility.

Too little fire can be enervated and energy-less, lacking the will to live or to create new life. The person with too little fire has probably exhausted the life force in a previous life, often giving it to another until it has drained away. Reserves have to be built up again, creativity has to be stimulated, and a strong connection made to the incarnating spirit.

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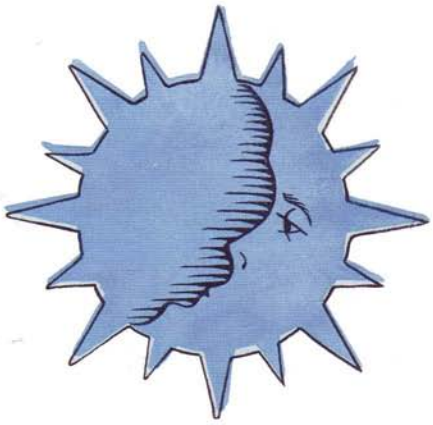
Past life reflections: the Moon

The Moon represents the instinctive, instinctual side of your nature, developed over many lifetimes. It reflects your past experiences around emotions, mothering, and the way you nurture yourself. This planet symbolizes deeply ingrained patterns, some of which will be your own and others which will be inherited through your family. Learning to handle emotions is one of the basic lessons for everyone who incarnates on the earth.



THE KARMIC LIGHT OF THE MOON

Everyone has in their chart a Moon placed in one of the twelve signs of the zodiac. Understanding your Moon keys you into your karmic past: very familiar territory. You have been here many times before in your other lives. This is your inbuilt emotional patterning. So, your Moon sign represents the instinctive approach you will take, especially on an emotional, feeling level. This can, of course, be very different from your more rational, Sun-sign approach to life and explains why so many people feel that Sun-sign characteristics are not "me." The Moon is a much deeper part of you, and it can cause you to act in irrational and unreasoning ways. It relates to habits and instincts brought forward from other lives: ingrained reactions that bypass your conscious mind and come straight from the subconscious. These habits and instinctual reactions may have built up over countless lives and are difficult to change.

Although you will never grow out of your Moon sign, you are trying to evolve out of the automatic emotional reaction of the Moon, to become more conscious of the choices and responses available to you rather than reacting blindly in the way you have done for lifetimes. So, for example, someone with the Moon in Aries will have been highly independent in the past, whereas someone with the Moon in the opposite sign of Libra, will have been extremely dependent on a partner. Now, according to the energies of the Sun-sign, you will be trying to move away from that old pattern and experience something new.

EARTHLY EMOTIONS

The earth is where you work to find emotional balance. It is the only place where you can hide your emotions: on other planes of being, emotions are clearly visible through the light body that acts as a vehicle for the soul. Understanding the hidden drives of your emotions can be a lives-long task, especially when they are different from your Sun-sign needs, even more so if you have repressed your emotional needs in other lives, or lived totally from those emotions. You need your emotions in order to live fully, but you need to experience them, not be submerged in or taken over by them.

How much you are submerged in feelings and emotions depends on where your Moon is placed. A watery Moon pulls you into the depths of emotion—although you may not always reveal this to the outside world. How much taken over by the Moon you are depends on how strongly your Moon

overcomes your Sun-sign. Some Sun-signs are positive, dominant, and strong. They resist the pull of the Moon. Other Sun-signs are negative, passive, and reflective. These signs find it hard to push against the instinctual tides of the Moon. However, the Moon may be in a passive and reflective sign, yet it can still be powerful enough at times to overcome the urges of the most assertive of Sun-signs. This is because emotions have the full power of the unconscious mind behind them—and the lives that preceded the present one. Emotions can erupt from the depths of your being with great force. It all depends on the strength of the stimulus, and how strongly it triggers any emotional baggage you have carried over from another life.

NURTURING AND COMFORT

The Moon also shows what you need to nurture and comfort you at your deepest level. It has to do with security and nourishment. Here again, the place where you find comfort will hark back to another life. The lunar food that nurtures you may be something you lacked in the past—and yearned for. It may also be something that has always brought you contentment. It is what you need to live—or believe you need. Its strength comes out of the past and grasping for this kind of nourishment may in fact hold you back from your soul's purpose. Recognizing lunar needs helps you to regulate them: fulfilling what is really needful and dropping those that hinder your progress.

THE MOON AS MOTHER

The Moon shows the expectations you have developed around the whole mothering image: what you need to make you feel mothered and secure, how your mother behaved in the past, the kind of behavior you expect, or crave, from your mother now. This is an archetypal pattern reflected through the Moon. Your mother in the present life may not actually be anything like this—on the surface—and yet a mother plays out the archetypal roles throughout the present life.

This archetypal image of the mother is subtle, and rarely fully conscious. You will notice what your other lives have programed you to expect. If, for instance, you are programed to expect "bad" mothering, as a baby your mother might have run to answer

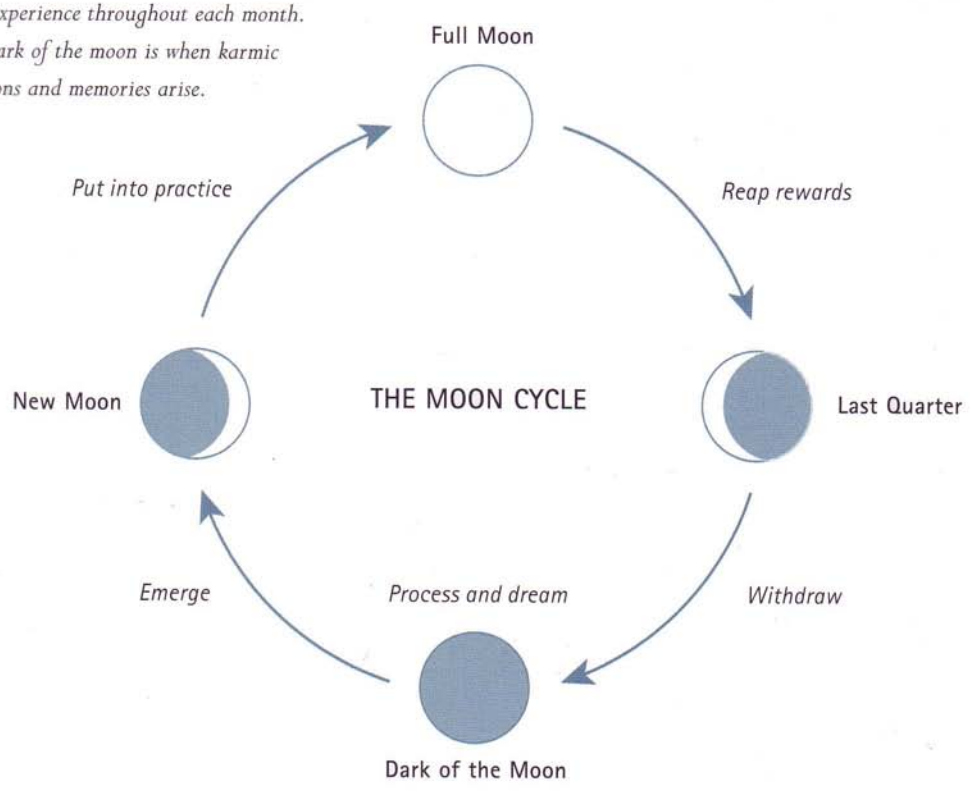
your every cry. But on the one occasion she was held up, you would think to yourself, "There, I knew it, she didn't come. She is a bad mother." Gradually you learn to adapt your expectations, but the image still lurks in the lunar depths.

If you happen to have incarnated as a man, the expectations and unmet needs may then be projected onto your partner and played out through your relationships. If you are a woman, no matter how much you vowed you would not do it, you may find yourself following the same mothering pattern as your own mother, or playing out the mothering role that your Moon assigns to you.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The Moon can point to what is inherited through the family. This may be carried by DNA or through the emotional ambience of the family. Many families have taboo subjects, or feelings, that are never expressed. Anger, for instance, may be repressed. It is considered "not nice." Other families play out particular emotions or roles. There may be a surfeit of guilt, an emphasis on serving the community, or other manifestations. You will have chosen your family precisely because these are issues your soul has been working on. By coming into that particular family, the "soul trait" is reiterated so that you have to deal with it.

The moon cycle helps you to process your experience throughout each month. The dark of the moon is when karmic emotions and memories arise.



Moon in Aries

Aries Moon emotions are turbulent, selfish, and "me" orientated. They demand instant gratification and cannot tolerate frustration. You have learned to be an individual who can assert yourself and find ways to get your emotional needs met. These emotional needs are all-powerful, as are ego needs.

THE STRONGLY DEVELOPED SELF

The soul with the Moon in Aries has developed a strong sense of self and a powerful ego. The other-life personality was hot and demanding but straightforward, rather like a spontaneous child who hasn't quite mastered patience and whose first thought is "What about me?". And, like that child, this soul wasn't above taking liberties with the truth if a lie would keep it out of trouble. While Aries can be passionate about the truth, little white lies rarely count. Passing the buck can be a deeply ingrained pattern and this independent soul is not too keen on facing up to the consequences of its own actions. It needs to be right.

THE WARRIOR HERO

The Aries Moon carries the archetype of the heroic redeemer. Somewhere in your soul there is a knight mounted on a white horse charging off to rescue damsels in distress. Or, to fight for good causes, right wrongs, or defend the weak and helpless. In the present life you may well have made heroic gestures on behalf of your mother, your partner, or the collective. Male or female, you have the emotional strength required for this.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Aries Moon needs are powerful. Part of your psyche is still childish and fractious. Headstrong emotions demand immediate attention. Your needs are so demanding that, in the past, you have been self-centered and insensitive in pursuing them. As Aries fears becoming dependent on others you may have been isolated. The relationships you sought were ego-boosting and you will have taken the dominant role. Self-gratification was your driving force and you will have found it difficult to put this aside in order to consider other people. Now, your challenge is to devise ways of meeting your own emotional needs and to nurture your Self, balancing independence with interdependence.

LUNAR FOOD

What you will seek from other people is admiration and validation. You find it difficult to merge into the background and want to be seen for the special fiery Arian qualities of courage and assertiveness. In the past, you have been looked up to and acclaimed. Flattery and respect are the lunar food you thrive on. Self-nurturing helps you

to cease looking to others for nurture and to fight instead for their rights.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

What you seek from a mother is ego-boosting, confident nurturing. Someone who helps you to express your independence and make your mark on the world. What you fear you may meet is the selfish mother who has no time for her offspring and who puts her own needs first.

The archetypal mother symbolized by Aries is fiery, passionate, and outgoing. She may be domineering, egotistical, and selfish. She can put all her energy into child rearing, creating a chosen child who carries all her hopes. At its extreme, this is a spontaneous conflagration that can consume all in its path with its enthusiasm and emotional demands. This mother may rear a competitive, self-centered child who must win at all costs. The less extreme manifestation of this is the mother who encourages her child to be independent and courageous.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

A strong constitution, powerfully held opinions, and the ability to fight for causes pass down through an Aries Moon. Starting things, and then moving on, will be a pattern in the family. Little is repressed with the Aries Moon: the temper is instant and flare-ups are common, but forgetting is equally sudden. Emotions and delicate nuances of feeling, however, tend to be trampled underfoot in this insensitive household.

PAST LIFE ROLES

The warrior, the hero, and the soldier feature strongly in the past—and not always as a male. A Jeanne d'Arc type figure is common with the Moon in Aries. So too is the crusader, the pioneer, and the advocate for the disinherited.

Moon in Taurus

The overwhelming emotional need for the Moon in Taurus is security, which you seek in material or spiritual things depending on how your soul has progressed. This is a deeply entrenched Moon with fixed habits and a tendency to hold onto emotions no matter what. You are prepared to make many sacrifices in order to stay safe.

FINDING THE ETERNAL SELF

With the Moon in security-orientated Taurus, your search has been to find the eternal Self—the part that reincarnates and can exist beyond physical "death." However, the past life tendency is to rely too heavily on material substitutes such as house, money, or position. Anchored in the eternal self, you overcome fear of change and of the unfamiliar.

RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Taurus has enormous tenacity and cannot be hurried, especially into change. So resistant is the Taurus Moon that the rut it stays in can become a grave. Finding safety in old patterns and in the current relationship, no matter how bad that may have become, this soul hangs on at all costs. Life becomes very uncomfortable. "Deadness" sets in. But the cause of that discomfort is projected onto other people. It is "their fault," "their problem," "they need to change." If you have a Taurus Moon, your challenge is to recognize the part you play in creating your own situation—and then move into a healthier place.

Taurus has enormous difficulty in forgiving, letting go, and forgetting. Grudges are carried forward from other lives, creating a brooding resentment that may result in bodily dis-ease. The challenge here is to forgive and forget.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

This is an emotionally repressed Moon, with difficulty in expressing feelings and emotions verbally. Taurus has strong emotional needs for safety, security, and stability. This is a sensual, earthy sign and the sex drive is subsequently strong. The Taurus Moon needs affection, but often separates love from sex and represses emotional feelings in favor of what passes for security.

Holding firm to traditional values, a Taurus Moon may feel that a promise has to be kept at all costs. Once in a relationship, this Moon stays there. However, the soul with this Moon is not above seeking emotional solace outside marriage. Faithfulness may be a Taurean quality, but this Moon sees no conflict between having a marriage and gaining emotional—and sexual—satisfaction elsewhere. As part of Taurean emotional satisfaction comes from adhering to a routine, sex can become mechanical.

What gives a Taurus Moon real emotional satisfaction is communing with a partner at a deep soul level. Emotions are often shared through touch and sensuality as much as through sexual or verbal expression.

LUNAR FOOD

Your lunar food lies in keeping the body safe and comfortable, and in receiving affection. If your body and soul are not nurtured appropriately, you may well turn to comfort eating or other addictions to "stuff down" emotional needs.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

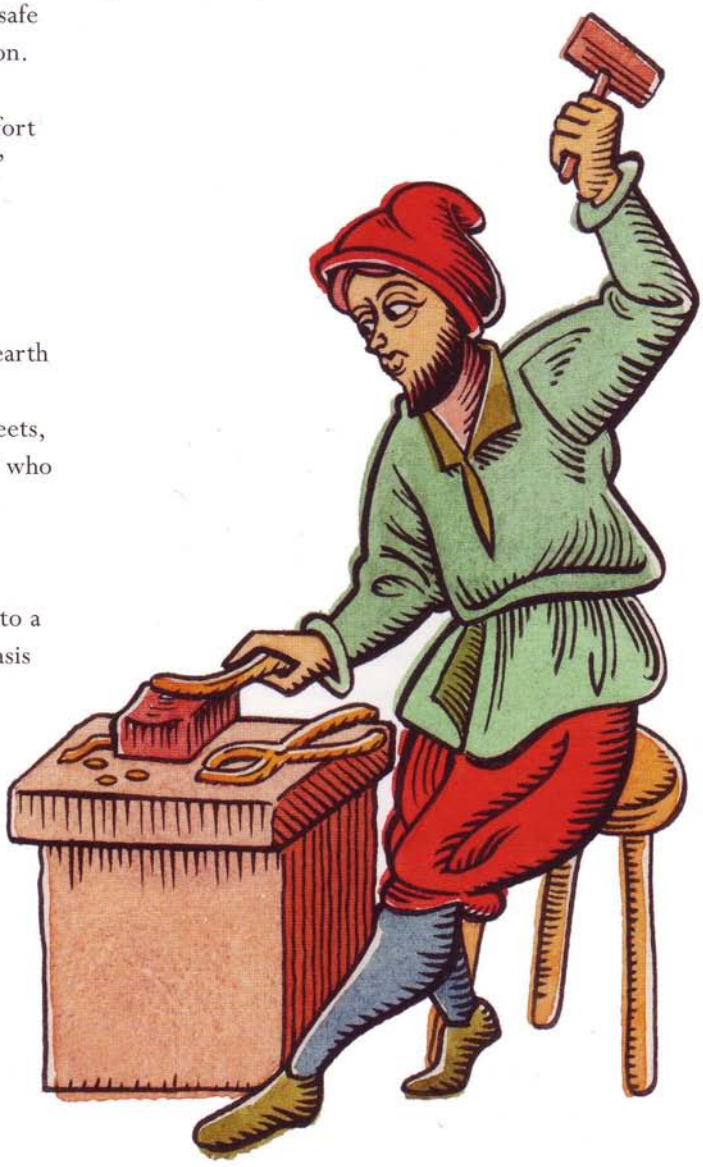
The Taurus Moon seeks a mother who is dependable, orderly, and nurturing. An "earth mother" who fulfills all needs. What the Taurus Moon most fears, and so often meets, is an overpowering, possessive "no-sayer" who seeks to control body and soul.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

Many Taurean Moon children are born into a home where there is an enormous emphasis on wealth and status. This satisfies a craving for "more" that is carried over from other lives. But equally, you may have chosen a family that is not rich in material goods so that you can recognize that money is not everything. If you have a childhood that is deprived of outer status symbols, you are of necessity turned inward to find out who you really are. When you connect to your own inner self, then you develop a security that cannot be shaken.

PAST LIFE ROLES

This is a psychic Moon with the ability to channel healing energy down to the earth. It is also a highly practical Moon that has created security and food for others. Blacksmith, handyman, farmer, and gardener are possibilities.



Moon in Gemini

With the Moon in Gemini emotions are fleeting and quickly rationalized. You prefer discussing feelings to actually experiencing them, having learned in the past to cut off from deep feelings. When positively expressed, the soul is able to communicate feelings freely without being overly emotional.

INABILITY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT

This Moon carries the puer or puella—the eternally young boy or girl who slips through life without a care. With this Moon, you remain forever young at heart. Gemini is a deeply uncommitted sign. It is fickle and changeable, moving ever onward, charming everyone but attached to no-one. One moment the Gemini Moon will feel one way, the next minute another. This soul never notices when the feelings switch, nor recognizes the paradox of holding opposite views. Whatever Gemini believes in that minute is true in that moment. So the soul with Moon in Gemini has learned not to trust emotions. As a result, commitment is difficult and the intimacy of truly sharing deep feelings is rare.

THE EMOTIONAL MANIPULATOR

As a cerebral sign, Gemini dislikes emotions. The soul with this Moon is more than a little afraid of being carried away by emotion, and so Gemini tends to be superficial. Deep feelings are rationalized out of existence. Gemini is a cunning sign and has learned a great deal about other people's feelings. This guileful Moon can manipulate those feelings to his or her own advantage. This Moon can create an illusion, or sell an idea, and genuinely believe, for a few minutes, that it is ultimate truth.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Gemini's emotional needs are usually sublimated into discussion and debate. This sign seeks mental stimulation and can believe that holding a conversation is being intimate. But confront the Gemini Moon with real feelings, and the tendency is to slip away. If Gemini can't run, then he or she resorts to verbalizing the feelings out of existence. As a result, emotional needs are isolated and repressed. This is a deeply ingrained habit, and so the soul with the Moon in Gemini is alienated from feelings and emotions for many lifetimes. Prior to this, the soul may have experienced deep emotional trauma, and shut down as a result.

When the soul with this Moon does learn to open up again, it can be highly articulate about its feelings, sharing them openly. However, the sharing will remain rational—being taken over by those emotions is not an option for this Moon.

LUNAR FOOD

The lunar food the soul craves is attention and mental stimulation. Above all else, this Moon wants to be listened to. It has a deep need to be heard, so talking becomes a substitute for emotional satisfaction.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

The mother that this soul seeks is articulate and imaginative. She can enter into an inner world and communicate freely. What is expected is a playful, intelligent mother who encourages exploration and independence. What the soul fears is the manipulative mother who knows just how to play on feelings.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

This is the soul that has been encouraged to communicate and socialize—and there can be something of the "social climber" about the family. The inheritance is cerebral. What the soul has not been encouraged to do is to participate in and share feelings honestly. True feelings may be covered up, superficial feelings may not accord with those within. Any display of emotion within the family is frowned upon. There is something about the Gemini Moon that is difficult to pin down, and this is reflected in the family ambience. It may be secrets, gossip, or matters that need great discretion, but something in the family background remains hidden.

PAST LIFE ROLES

The soul with this Moon has been the communicator, the orator, the fixer, and the salesperson. A rise in society may have been swift but will rarely have been totally honest. This Moon pulled strings and manipulated events to reach the top. It was not above taking advantage of others less clever, or more naïve than itself.

Moon in Cancer

By far the most sensitive of all the Moons, the soul with this placement is highly emotional and yet cool on the surface. Feeling vulnerable, the soul seeks to protect itself and to fulfill deep security needs, holding onto the past in the process. The nurturing instinct is strong.

THE ETERNAL MOTHER

Cancer has powerful connections with mothering and nurturing. The soul with the Moon in Cancer carries the archetype of the eternal mother. This is a strong urge to care for other people, to comfort them and provide sustenance. When the archetype is acting positively, this soul has an unsurpassed capacity for nurturing others, caring not only for children but for any needy soul. This Moon often acts as surrogate mother to the rest of the zodiac. In the process, the "smother mother" may make herself felt (in men as well as women). This Moon is highly possessive and does not easily cut the strings that bind another soul. When this Moon is operating as a mother, all other needs may be sublimated to those of the family.

CLINGING TO THE PAST

The soul with the Moon in Cancer clings to the past. Like the crab, those claws do not let go easily and this soul hangs on even into death. This soul wants things to be as they have always been because this is what gives it a sense of security. To be needed, to be wanted, and to have a familiar role in life are important. So much so that the soul may well resist moving into the Sun-sign, fearing the insecurity that would bring. This entails carrying an enormous amount of baggage from the past—and a "security blanket" in the present life is provided by physical baggage and possessions. The soul with the Moon in Cancer rarely ventures out without at least three bags full of treasured possessions. If this soul is to grow, then the past and its ingrained emotional patterning must be left behind. A good clearout—physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual—is required.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

The soul with this vulnerable Moon looks for ways to meet the clinging and dependent needs of the child within. A deep sense of insecurity stems from the unmet needs and unfulfilled emotions of childhood, which are carried forward into the present. Unmet needs can also come forward from past lives. This moody soul can carry immense self-pity from another life and continually seeks reassurance and validation. Inner dependence and vulnerability are hidden behind a hard shell of indifference, an appearance of coldness or self-sufficiency, but underneath the soul is desperately needy. It is essential

that this soul has time to withdraw and go within to find inner sustenance and to process the powerful emotions that threaten to take over. Given this inner support, the soul is able to express its powerful need to nurture others in a positive way.

LUNAR FOOD

The lunar food craved by the soul with the Moon in Cancer is emotional sustenance and validation for powerful emotional feelings. Home is very important. Without a strong home base, this soul is lost.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

What the soul seeks from the mother is comfort, nurturing, and emotional closeness; and support for those powerful needs. This soul desperately wants to experience overwhelming mother love. The expectation is of strong mothering. What the soul fears is the highly protective "smother mother," who holds her child close and allows no separation.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

With its powerful bonds to the past and to the mother, the Cancer Moon often inherits through the feminine DNA. This may be a propensity for congenital illness, but if the soul has incarnated as a woman this time, then the dis-ease may well manifest at a gynecological level. Old issues about being a woman pass down through the genes. This may indicate a matriarchal family where the mother is all-powerful.

PAST LIFE ROLES

This soul has had many incarnations as mother or wise woman. It is the midwife to the tribe, the homemaker, and the purveyor of comfort and sustenance. As male, it is the cook and the sailor.

Moon in Leo

This proud and indomitable Moon indicates a soul who expects to be looked up to and admired. There is a strong need to be special. In the past this soul has been an important personage. If sufficient homage is not paid, this Moon is the drama queen of the zodiac.

THE DIVINE CHILD

Leo is the divine child incarnated onto the earth to bring joy and sacredness. This sign carries the archetypes of the ruler and of the child. The two need to balance each other out. The innocence and joy of the child prevent the soul with the Moon in Leo from becoming too autocratic to step off the throne and play.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

The soul with Leo Moon has so often committed the sin of pride. Hubris, taking on or testing the gods, arises out of overweening pride. This comes out of inflated self-importance. This overbearing soul may have believed it had a god-given right to rule. Neglected and ignored, it stands on wounded dignity and becomes stand-offish and dictatorial. A vital lesson is that of humility. Leo has strong opinions and the soul with this Moon has deeply ingrained beliefs that may have created prejudice and bigotry in the past.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

This fiery sign has strong instinctual needs, the most powerful of which is to be special. Leo craves love—this is the sign of the heart. For Leo sex is an expression of a very particular need: that of being intimate with another soul. The intimacy is not equal—Leo wants to be looked up to, adored, and made to feel special. With adoration, Leo responds with great joy and the playful aspect of the sign emerges—but woe betide a partner who injures the Leo pride. There is a childlike part of Leo that responds to attention and flattery, and the Leo Moon soul has a need for creativity and self-expression.

In the past the soul with this Moon has played many emotional games. It can be manipulative, will certainly have flirted and played with another's heart, and has been involved in power plays of all kinds. This soul has been exploring power in all its manifestations. But Leo is also related to the heart and this soul has been working on opening the heart. The positive side of the Leo Moon is warmhearted generosity of spirit and a benevolent authority that aids rather than imposes.

LUNAR FOOD

Admiration is essential sustenance. To be looked up to and adored is vital. If this homage is not received, the soul sulks and

becomes a drama queen. But power also feeds this soul. The test is to make it empowerment for all rather than power over everyone else.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

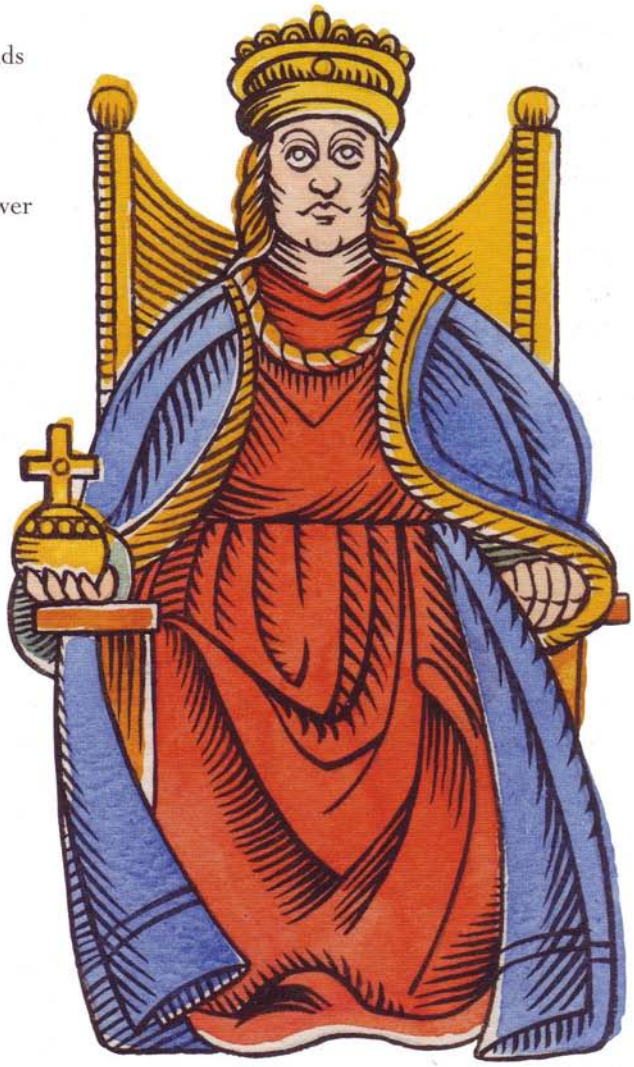
What this soul seeks is a warm, affectionate mother who can be looked up to as a positive role model—and who can act as playmate and entertainer. What the soul expects, and dreads, is the "queen bee," around whom everything has to revolve and who demands constant attention from her child.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The ancestral inheritance from Leo is power and pride. The family is all-powerful and proud of its place in the world. Even when poor, the family is proud—and may be too proud to ask for, or accept, the help it needs. Part of the lesson for this soul may be to accept what is offered. Leo is also a generous sign and, where there is sufficient, the soul learns to give. Warmheartedness features strongly in the ancestral line, even in poverty, and here the soul can learn that giving is not always a question of money. Opening the heart allows generosity of spirit to flow.

PAST LIFE ROLES

King or queen, ruler, despot, autocrat, dictator, bigot, benefactor. All are possible roles for this Moon. A natural actor, Leo is never more happy than when on a stage or a throne. Given neither, this soul will have created one, no matter how humble the circumstances.



Moon in Virgo

The soul with the Moon in Virgo has been dedicated to service in the past, being ready to sacrifice itself to others. This is an analytical, self-critical Moon that wants to keep emotional chaos at bay by keeping things tightly in order.

PURITY OR PRUDERY?

This fastidious Moon carries the archetypes of Corn Maiden and Virgin. The ancient Corn Maiden was fertile and fecund. She was closely bound up with fertility and the Earth Mother whom she served. Her purity did not hold her back from sexual expression. She could be the sacred prostitute: the link between the Goddess and man. This figure was replaced by the sterile Virgin, bringing prudishness and chastity into the archetype. Sexuality was repressed, the body became untouchable. The ideal of celibacy exerted a strong pull.

In the past, this soul could have retreated into a convent and a vow of chastity. In the distant past, however, it could have been part of a fertility religion, its divine sexuality given full expression. These two archetypes create tension within the soul. The challenge is to regain inner purity without compromising sexuality. This soul must be virgin in the old sense of the word: whole and intact within oneself.

THE URGE TO SERVE

The soul has the urge to be truly altruistic, to serve humankind. Service can be overtaken by servitude—the soul is stuck with the dirty jobs of life—or obsequiousness and false humility. The soul may also serve because, deep down inside, there is a sense of unworthiness that is offset by service. The task is to serve as an expression of the divine Self, to do whatever one is called upon to do without thought of reward or recognition.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

This soul has learned to put aside its own needs and to take care of others first and this can be a powerfully motivating force in life.

The Virgo Moon is uncomfortable with the thought of emotional needs—which are seen as irrational. The fear is that such needs will overwhelm the rational mind. This intellectual sign wants things to be tidy and clean. The need to analyze and rationalize often overrides expression of emotional need. The desire to keep order can be paramount—to the extent that the soul is obsessively tidy or ritualistic. Emotional needs often suffer from the soul's high ideals of perfection and the soul's task is to set more realistic standards both in relationships and for itself.

LUNAR FOOD

The soul with the Moon in Virgo is fed by reward and recognition for all the small services rendered, but is too modest to seek this out. What would nourish this soul is to be deeply in touch with the wellspring of creative energy.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

This soul seeks a mother who is perfect and who provides an orderly, safe, yet creative environment. The expectation, however, can be that the mother will be cold and critical, setting impossibly high standards of behavior and creating an emotionally sterile environment.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

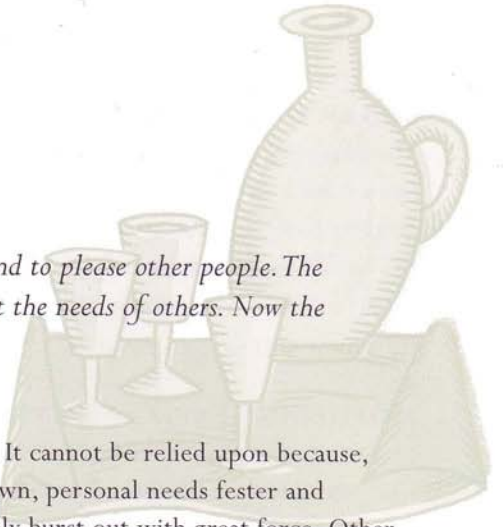
The inner critic is a figure associated with the cold and critical part of Virgo. Such a figure can be passed down through the family line, imposing impossibly high ideals of behavior and service. The child is criticized for breaches of these ideals, and soon learns to criticize him- or herself. This criticism is applied to others if they fail to meet the same high standards. Emotional coldness can be a feature of family life, although there are times when earthy common sense prevails. Virgo also has a connection with the psychosomatic effect of the mind on the body and the family may well offer an opportunity to learn about this at first hand: the overly protective mother creating an offspring who has asthma, for example.

PAST LIFE ROLES

This soul has a history of service: the good and faithful servant, the able administrator and steward, the cleaner and organizer. Also the craftsperson. Virgo may have been the field-hand, the mill-owner, the haymaker—or the brewer.

Moon in Libra

The Moon in Libra has a powerful need for relationship and to please other people. The usual pattern is to have adjusted and compromised to meet the needs of others. Now the needs of the Self have to be taken into account.



THE NEED FOR RELATIONSHIP

To this soul, being in a relationship has been essential. It has spent lifetimes as "the other half." The soul feels that another person is essential to make a complete whole and does not value independence. So the Self becomes lost in the Other. True feelings are submerged so that harmony is maintained. This may sound selfless, but it is inherently selfish. Conflict and separateness bother this soul so much that it will do anything to keep the illusion of harmony going. The task for the soul is to find true cooperation and inner wholeness. The real relationship is with the Self. In the process, two people come together not as separate halves but as individuals who relate. The needs of both are recognized and a creative compromise is effected.

THE PEOPLE PLEASER

This soul carries the archetype of the people pleaser. Harmony is sought in all things, no matter what the emotional cost. To be thought "nice" is vitally important. Self-worth is based on other people's opinion. To avoid conflict, the needs of oneself are put aside in favor of the needs of others. But this "niceness" is lethal, insincere, and not to be trusted. It cannot be relied upon because, deep down, personal needs fester and ultimately burst out with great force. Other people recognize this unconsciously, and it gets in the way of true relationship. So this soul is challenged to be authentically nice.

This soul says it does not like to cause other people pain. The soul cannot face the discomfort of its own pain, which may be contributed to by feeling the other person's pain acutely. The soul needs to learn that being in pain does not equate to dying—which is what the soul fears will happen if the pain is too great.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Libra has a powerful need to be in a relationship, but not to be in love. This sign can be calculating and a secure relationship may mean more than "love." Without a secure relationship, Libra can become demanding and manipulative. The soul with this placement has deep fears around social ostracization. It needs to be needed—and to be liked.

What Libra also needs is for things to feel right. The atmosphere has to be harmonious, the ambience one of accord. Put this soul into

a room full of uncongenial people, in disharmonious surroundings, and physical discomfort quickly becomes emotional disease. This is a hedonistic sign, positively reveling in sensuous luxury. In the past, this soul has been surrounded by ease and pleasant living—or has craved it intensely.

LUNAR FOOD

Libra is nourished by peace and beauty. This soul craves companionship and admiration in harmonious surroundings. Poverty does not unduly worry the soul with this placement, so long as comfort is not sacrificed.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

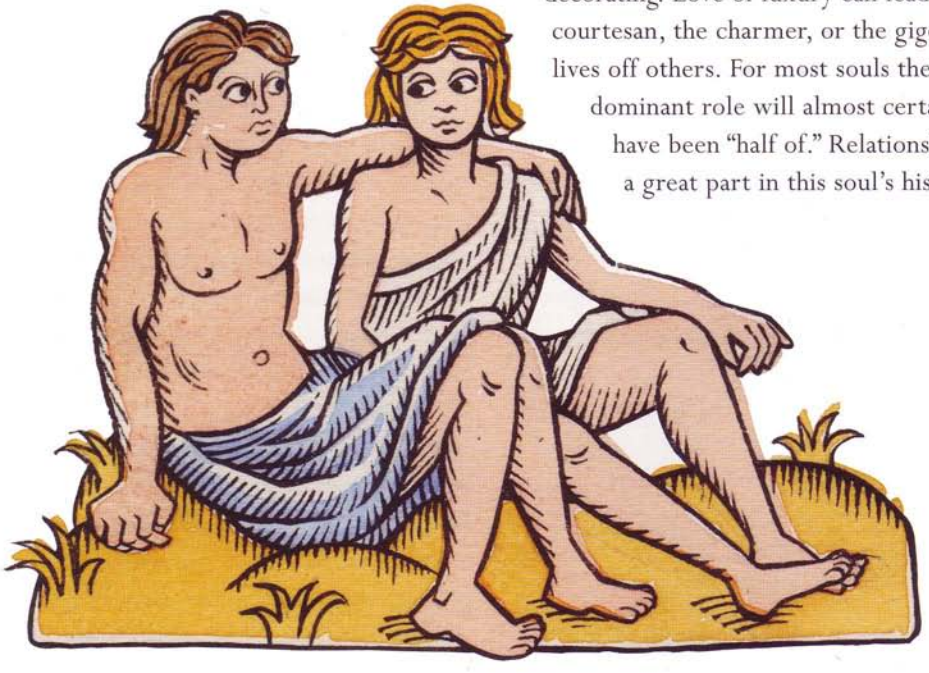
What this soul craves is a "nice" mother who will create beautiful surroundings in which the child can be admired and indulged. What the soul expects is the mother who is pleasant on the surface but who is inherently selfish and, in private, attuned only to her own needs.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The ancestral ambience may be one of ease and plenty. Sensual stimulation and indulgence abound in Libran households. But even in poverty, this is the family who values beauty. The child learns how to make surroundings congenial no matter what. The family also values "niceness." Harmony is maintained at all costs. Anger and conflict are forbidden. The child learns that anything is preferable to an outburst of temper.

PAST LIFE ROLES

Past life associations with Libra are diplomacy and negotiation, marriage broking, or interior decorating. Love of luxury can lead to the courtesan, the charmer, or the gigolo who lives off others. For most souls the dominant role will almost certainly have been "half of." Relationships play a great part in this soul's history.



Moon in Scorpio

This is the most instinctual, overwhelming Moon. Emotions run deep and needs are compulsive. This is the Moon that has to penetrate the taboo areas of life where others fear to tread. Catharsis for the past is essential for the soul with this traumatic Moon.

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

It is impossible for a soul with this Moon to live on the surface of life. The compulsion is to go down into the depths and there to find healing for the raw and painful emotions that are brought forward from the past. This soul is no stranger to death, destruction, and persecution. Rejection and abandonment are always a part of the soul's history. The result is a deeply mistrustful soul, who harbors resentment and finds it difficult to forgive. There may be strong feelings of inadequacy or guilt. This soul's greatest fear is that someone else will have power over it because it knows just what that can mean. This is a paranoid Moon. It has experienced persecution and has learned mistrust. One of its most vital tasks is to forgive, to let go, and to trust life once more. This soul then makes an excellent guide for those who are exploring the same taboo areas of life. It has learned a valuable lesson, that of survival no matter what. Deeply intuitive, it can be the catalyst for insight and growth in others.

EMOTIONAL RELEASE

With its dark emotional history, this soul needs emotional release. The emotions are so deeply repressed that, from time to time, they erupt from the depths with great suddenness and destructive power. The trigger is always small in proportion to the outpouring—a sure sign that something from the past has come forward.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

The emotional needs of the soul with this traumatic Moon are some of the most compulsive and intense of the zodiac. The soul is driven by unmet needs and painful memories from the past. It holds onto resentment and jealousy that will tear it apart unless the right relationship can be found to contain its intensity. It needs to heal its deep fear of rejection and abandonment within a committed relationship. Its task is to let go of the pain and use its psychic and healing power for the good of others as well as itself.

LUNAR FOOD

Intensity and all-consuming passion provide fuel for the soul with this Moon. When emotionally nourished and fulfilled, the soul is empowered. Emotionally deprived, the soul retreats into abusive power plays. This soul's task is to find emotional nourishment from

inner reserves rather than demanding emotional sustenance from others.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

The "Great No-sayer" is one mothering archetype attached to this Moon. The Devouring Mother is another. Power plays are a feature of childhood. The expectation is that Mother will be all-powerful, dominant, and, quite possibly, abusive. The soul seeks an emotionally intense mother who provides the right ambience for the child to release and heal deep, dark emotional pain from the past. What the soul fears is the wrathful, devouring, frustrated mother who seeks to live out her own unlived life through her child and who may look to her child to fulfill her unmet emotional needs.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The ancestral inheritance passed down this dark line is matriarchal, powerful, and dominant. Death and destruction abound, as does secrecy and manipulation. Family secrets may include addictions, infidelity, or illegitimacy. It is not uncommon for a family member simply to disappear. Birth has a close relationship with death, although such things are rarely talked about. The emotional intensity heaves beneath the surface, but the family strives to keep a lid on it at all costs.

PAST LIFE ROLES

The past life connections are to do with alchemy, medicine, and healing; with midwifery, murder, and policing, anything clandestine, and with the occult in all its manifestations. This is the soul who has accompanied the dead on the journey to the other world, the healer, the medium who walked between two worlds, the priestess of the mysteries. It has endured power struggles without number. It is anyone who was persecuted, abandoned, or rejected.

Moon in Sagittarius

This soul is driven by the need for emotional freedom. It is repulsed by emotional neediness in another and can be insensitive. Impulsive acting out of fiery emotions, and then regretting them, is common.

FEELING THE FEELINGS

The soul with this placement has developed detachment from the emotions in the past. Sagittarius has a problem with intimacy and the soul with this Moon may use discussion of feelings as a defense against actually having to feel the feelings. It seems much safer that way. The idea of emotions is fascinating—it is simply the challenge of being immersed in them that is difficult. One of the major tasks in life for this soul is to recognize and acknowledge not only its own feelings but those of other people. When the soul does share feelings, it can be brutally honest—Sagittarius is a tactless sign. A partner who asks "How do you feel?" may regret it!

COMMITMENT OR FREEDOM

This Moon carries the archetype of the courtesan, an intelligent, entertaining, and pleasurable companion but one who is rarely deeply committed to a relationship. The soul with this Moon prefers friendship—and is not averse to romance. It is commitment that is difficult for this freedom-loving sign, as is dealing with other people's emotional needs, particularly if they come across as "needy." Confronted with emotional challenges, the soul prefers a change of venue. The soul with this Moon is certain that the grass will be greener on the other side, life will be more exciting somewhere else. The response to any kind of emotional pressure or coercion is to leave. This can lead to insensitivity to other people's feelings. However, if this soul uses its innate honesty and trust, then sharing feelings can bring joy.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

The strongest need this Moon has is for freedom and the space to be whatever the soul wants to be at that moment. If the emotional ambience is not one of support to be free, then the soul will crave variety—this can be an unfaithful Moon.

However, the Sagittarian Moon can have very strong, spontaneous needs—usually related to starting another relationship or moving on. So often this Moon pursues this fleeting need, only to regret it deeply later. The soul has the task of thinking first and acting later so that it can recognize exactly what it is it really needs.

LUNAR FOOD

The soul with the Sagittarian Moon seeks companionship and attention. Flattery panders to a fiery need to be noticed. This Moon can live off discussing feelings—preferably other people's. Learning to be truly intimate could provide soul food.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

This soul seeks a companionable mother, one who is playmate and co-explorer of the world. The archetypal Sagittarian Moon mother is spontaneous and freedom-loving. She enjoys her children but may lack discipline herself and therefore be unable to provide the guidelines a child needs. What the soul fears is that mother may be so busy exploring her own world, she will have little time for her child.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

Lack of commitment and an inability to be intimate pass down through this lunar line. The family may "trust to luck" to get by, and may be none too honest in the process, so the child learns—or relearns—that being economical with the truth is acceptable. Exaggeration is also a facet of Sagittarius that runs down the family line—somehow things are not all that they are cracked up to be. There can be conflicts between a desire to tell the truth and a reluctance to reveal all. Emotional honesty is either brutally frank or nonexistent, with tact and diplomacy having little space in this home.

PAST LIFE ROLES

The soul with this role has been an explorer, a quester, and a questioner. It has sought, and perhaps fought for, freedom and independence. It may have been the conman who lived on his wits. It could just as easily have been a philanthropist or priest. Horses tend to feature strongly in past lives, as does transport.

Moon in Capricorn

This is the Moon of "oughts" and "shoulds" and emotional control. Security and convention lie behind ingrained Capricorn patterns of behavior. This soul has a strong sense of responsibility but can be judgmental, and finds emotional expression difficult.

A HEAVY CROSS TO BEAR

This Moon carries the world on its shoulders. An over-developed sense of duty and responsibility forces the soul to "do what is right." The soul feels compelled to conform and uphold the law. In the process the soul's own needs may be sublimated to the good of the whole. The archetype of the scapegoat who takes things on for the collective is attached to this Moon. In childhood, this soul may feel that there is a task to do that is too heavy to be borne. Fortunately, the soul grows into the task with maturity as it accesses karmic wisdom.

This soul may have experienced failure in the past and be trying to compensate. In the present life, failure is seen as an emotional disaster. The soul needs to accept the occasional mistake as part of an ongoing learning process. And if failure is total, this Moon has the strength to pick up and carry on—provided it does not fall into the deep, dark depression to which Capricorn is prone.

APPROACH WITH CAUTION

This is a soul who finds emotional expression difficult, outwardly appearing cold and unresponsive. It wants to remain in emotional control, and so appears emotionally repressed. It is not that he or she does not have feelings, it is rather that he or she does not know how to be openly affectionate and demonstrative. Consequently, energy is put into parenting or partnering in a non-emotional fashion. This soul shows that it cares in material ways.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

There is a deep need for control, security, and stability. Lack of confidence in oneself has to be compensated for by becoming successful. Maintaining the status quo and conforming to the norm matter. One of this Moon's most powerful urges is to fulfill the strong sense of duty and responsibility. Channeling this into caring for a family or protecting society gives emotional satisfaction.

The soul with Capricorn Moon has learned in the past to be in tight control of the emotions. Needs are repressed and sublimated into material things or into reaching the top in a career. When the person with Capricorn Moon has found success in the outer world, then it is possible to turn inward and look to fulfilling other needs. This sign has a strong spiritual component and feels emotionally supported by religious beliefs.

LUNAR FOOD

What feeds and nurtures the soul with Capricorn Moon is success, approval, and a sense of things being "right." This soul wants to remain in emotional control and yet would be nourished by a genuine display of feelings.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

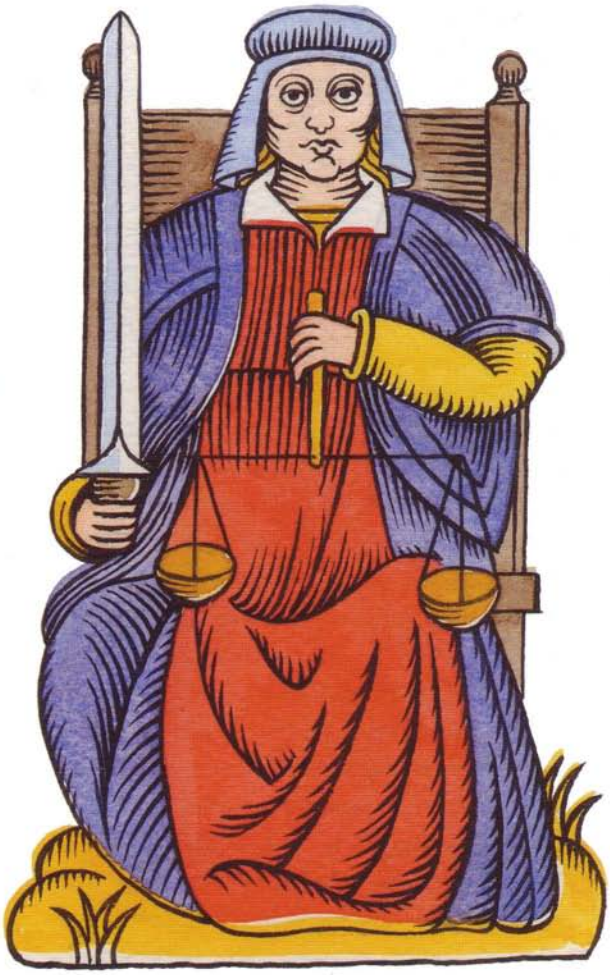
What this soul seeks is consistent, dependable, disciplined mothering that creates boundaries but also provides the space to develop personal autonomy. What it fears is a cold, controlling, authoritarian mother who demands that the child conform to her standards. If those standards are not met, then love is withdrawn. The absent parent is a feature of this Moon.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The family into which this soul is born may well be materially well-off but emotionally deprived. Emotion is frowned upon, duty and responsibility encouraged. Childhood is emotionally stultifying. The ambience passed down through the generations is cold and authoritative, with no argument with the authority figure possible. It is strongly patriarchal. Success in the outer world is valued, and the child is urged into a "good career" rather than being encouraged to develop innate talents and abilities. This soul may find itself in a family where depression or chronic illness is common. In this case, the soul has the advantage of having learned emotional self-sufficiency.

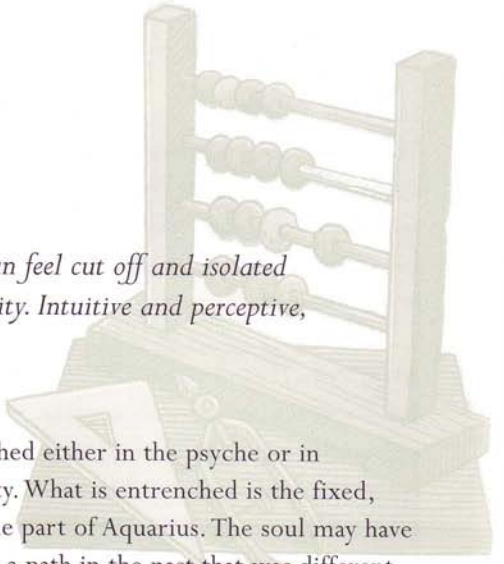
PAST LIFE ROLES

The judge, the lawgiver, the keeper of the peace and of records, the priest, and the solid, law-abiding citizen are part of this soul's history—as is the scapegoat. Success in business is common, as is taking up an inherited position—whether fitted for this or not—and those in the higher echelons of power have a strong Capricorn influence in their lives.



Moon in Aquarius

Emotionally independent and needing space, this Moon can feel cut off and isolated despite being deeply concerned about the future of humanity. Intuitive and perceptive, it has the potential for expressing universal love.



THE BIGGER PICTURE

The soul with Moon in Aquarius is good at seeing the bigger picture. It can look to the future with foresight and perspicacity. It has an urge to revolutionize the social order. It can see exactly what is needed to improve the lot of humanity or a group. When working positively, this Moon is not swayed by emotional arguments and can look objectively at what is good for everyone. Yet it is rather like a scientist looking in on an experiment, isolated and apart. The self-contained soul with this Moon finds it difficult to relate on a one-to-one basis, and feels emotionally isolated. The task is to develop relationship skills that include both the bigger picture and the individual. The challenge is to utilize the perceptive insights of Aquarius in understanding other people and their needs.

THE REVOLUTIONARY

Deeply ingrained in this soul is a revolutionary archetype. It may be expressed as the rebel, the reformer, the non-conformist, the catalyst. Its urge is to bring change. This is the Uranian part of Aquarius, which may want change for change's sake but is more often to do with shifting something that is deeply entrenched either in the psyche or in humanity. What is entrenched is the fixed, saturnine part of Aquarius. The soul may have been on a path in the past that was different, but not necessarily constructive. Now the soul has to balance the two energies, to bring about change in an organized fashion that keeps the best of the old and only throws off what has been outgrown.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

This soul has deep emotional needs, but is frequently out of touch with them. It responds instinctively and unconsciously. Seemingly rational, dispassionate, and head-orientated, it does not notice how deeply it is motivated by security needs that conflict with its powerful need for freedom. This inner war leads to someone who is pulled apart by reactions over which there is no control.

Challenged by emotions, the soul retreats to a cold and lonely place. Someone comes close, a secure relationship looks likely, and the soul runs to freedom. It then regrets this but does not know how to respond differently. Fear of intimacy complicates the picture still farther. The soul has developed a pattern of formal, non-close relationships.

Expression of feelings is hindered by a fear of becoming emotionally engulfed. And yet the soul needs a secure relationship. The task is to become conscious of the instinctive reaction and learn how to respond differently, developing intimacy and maintaining sufficient space.

LUNAR FOOD

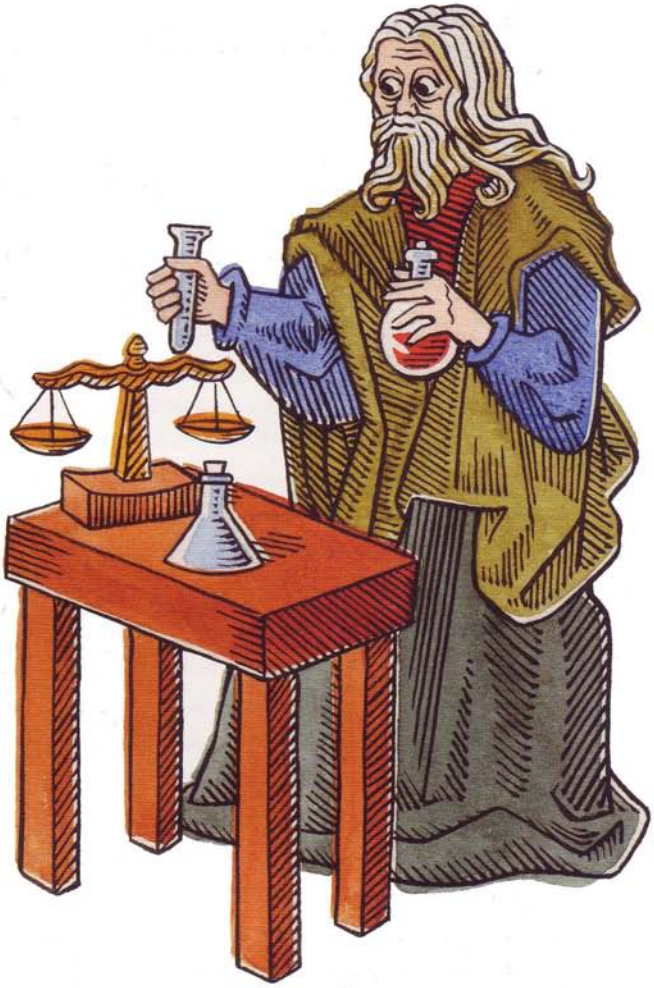
This soul finds emotional sustenance in social interaction and working for society. However, a close, intimate relationship with someone who is able to appreciate a need for space would provide nourishment at a more personal level.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

What the soul seeks is a freedom-loving, somewhat unconventional mother who nevertheless recognizes the need for boundaries and guidelines. What you expect to find, however, is an eccentric, unstable mother who embarrasses you and who finds it impossible to give consistent discipline.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

There is always something a little different about farsighted Aquarius. The ancestral pattern may be one of fighting for freedom and the rights of the individual. Taken to extremes, this could be the anarchist and revolutionary. Taken personally, it could be the eccentric who defiantly follows his or her own path, the independent thinker, or the humanitarian. However, Aquarius can also be cold and unresponsive, or unstable and unpredictable. The soul with this Moon is never quite sure what to expect. Home is rarely a safe haven.

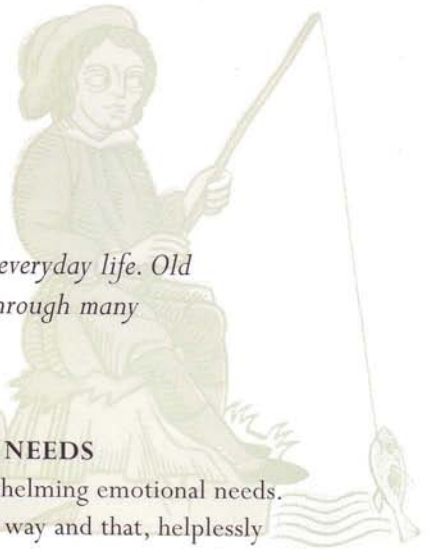


PAST LIFE ROLES

Revolutionary, world-changing, freedom-loving, and non-conformist, this soul has made a difference in the past. This is the natural scientist and inventor. Humanitarian and farsighted, it has strong views on the rights of the individual and where society should be going. It may have been the outcast. It will always be the rebel.

Moon in Pisces

This is a sensitive Moon that wants to escape from the realities of everyday life. Old patterns include the victim-martyr-savior, and the soul has been through many disappointments as it searches for the perfect relationship.



IDEALS OF PERFECTION

This Moon remembers at a soul level what it was to have soul and Self joined with the divine. In the past, however, the soul sought this union through another person. The desire to be united may be so strong that any union, no matter how imperfect, is clung to—and hence relationships can be far from perfect. It is prone to illusions, delusions, and deceptions, the greatest of which is self-deception. As relationships rarely end at the emotional level, ties are brought forward from many lives.

Another Pisces Moon ideal is that of self-sacrifice and self-immolation. Pisces immerses itself in pain and suffering. The urge is to take on suffering for others, the reality is to become a victim.

VICTIM–MARTYR–SAVIOR

Archetypes of savior, victim, martyr, rescuer, and persecutor are deeply etched within the psyche. So known and familiar are they that the soul feels completely comfortable falling back into these roles. Lacking boundaries, the soul feels the pain of others acutely. Rather than having empathy, the Pisces Moon falls into sympathetic wallowing in pity.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

There are overwhelming emotional needs. Pisces flows this way and that, helplessly reacting to each and every emotional stimulus. This soul sees itself reflected through other people. It has great difficulty in being separate. Its urge is to merge into another. It lives through emotions and symbiosis. Emotional demands on other people are high, and the soul resorts to emotional blackmail to keep a relationship—without which it fears it will die. Separation is an enormous trauma for this Moon. The soul feels as if part of itself has been torn away. The need is to remain in the relationship, no matter how bad. A Pisces Moon rarely lets go of the past, especially partners.

A great part of this soul's neediness is expressed through the victim-martyr-savior syndrome. Wanting to save someone is an emotional desire. Becoming pulled into victimhood or martyrdom can be such an ingrained emotional pattern that the soul receives emotional satisfaction only when immersed in these roles. It confuses pity with love, sympathy with relationship. The soul needs to be needed. If needs are not met, then the soul seeks escape or solace in a bottle—alcohol, pills, etc.—or in beautiful fantasy.

The dominant emotion is guilt, both personal and existential. This soul wants to atone, when it should be seeking at-one-ment with the divine.

LUNAR FOOD

This symbiotic Moon feeds off other people. What you desire is an emotionally melded relationship, which you see as blissful union. What would nurture you is union with your divine Self.

MOTHERING EXPECTATIONS

What the soul seeks is a sympathetic, sensitive mother who enjoys entering into a fantasy world with her child. What the soul expects is to be engulfed by a mother who recognizes no boundaries and sees her child as an extension of herself. Such a mother leaves no room for individuality or mutual growth.

ANCESTRAL INHERITANCE

The family motifs reflect certain underlying themes: dedication to an ideal, religious beliefs, escapism, and addiction. The soul may be expected to sacrifice itself for others, or the parents believe it is right to sacrifice themselves for their child. Personal space and individual boundaries are rare. The ambience is symbiotic and undifferentiated, with little room for individuality. Any attempt to break free from the family is met with disbelief. An attitude of martyrdom pervades the parenting. Two keynotes are: "After all we've done for you..." and "What have we done to deserve this?"

The positive inheritance is support for the soul's intuition and psychic knowing. This soul is the natural medium who is in touch with other worlds.

PAST LIFE ROLES

This soul has yearned for union with the divine, so religious lives are common, as is martyrdom, mysticism, and psychic vision. This is the poet and the artist, the fisherman and the sailor.

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WHERE AM I GOING?: THE SUN

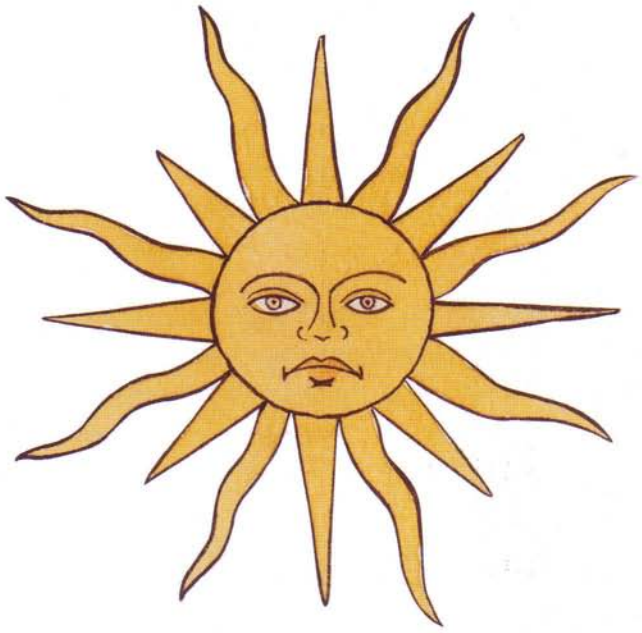
THE ZODIAC tells the story of the journey of incarnation into matter and onto the *Wheel of Karma*. Each zodiac sign has a specific vibration and is concerned with different issues. Each has its unique lessons, strengths, goals, and challenges.

THE JOURNEY OF THE SOUL

Traditionally, the soul's journey into incarnation begins with the descent into Aries, where the soul becomes conscious of being an individual. Values are established in Taurus, self-expression in Gemini, and so on. The journey ends with Pisces, the return to spiritual wholeness. This is where the soul seeks enlightenment—or atonement—and is where the soul can step off the karmic round. However, the journey is not taken in strict order and the soul has the choice to step off the wheel of karma at any point.

THE ZODIAC

When ancient humans gazed at the sky, they saw around them a slowly unfolding circle of constellations. Each had its own unique shape that suggested animals, people, and objects. They also noticed that the Sun regularly passed through a narrow band of these symbols. Over time, twelve of these constellations came to be called the "zodiac." At the dawn of astrology, the Sun began its spring journey in the sign of Aries. Because of a technicality referred to as the "Precession of the Equinoxes," as time went on the spring Sun would rise in different signs but astrologers continued to use Aries as the start of the zodiac. Symbolically, this was the point



where the soul descended into matter and became a separate individual. Of course, not everyone with the Sun in Aries is a "new" soul, but the lesson that person is working with is one of individuality.

SUN-SIGN INDICATIONS

To understand fully the working of karma and its implications, you need to know all the details of your birthchart. But you can get pointers from the sign in which the Sun was placed at your birth. The Sun represents your Self and in karmic astrology it also represents what you are trying to become, the qualities you are trying to build into your Self, and what your soul needs to experience in order to evolve.

Sun in Aries

The karmic lesson for the Sun in Aries centers around finding, and asserting, one's Self. This sign is often associated with the warrior or the pioneer. Part of the challenge for this strong-willed sign is to distinguish between assertion and aggression.

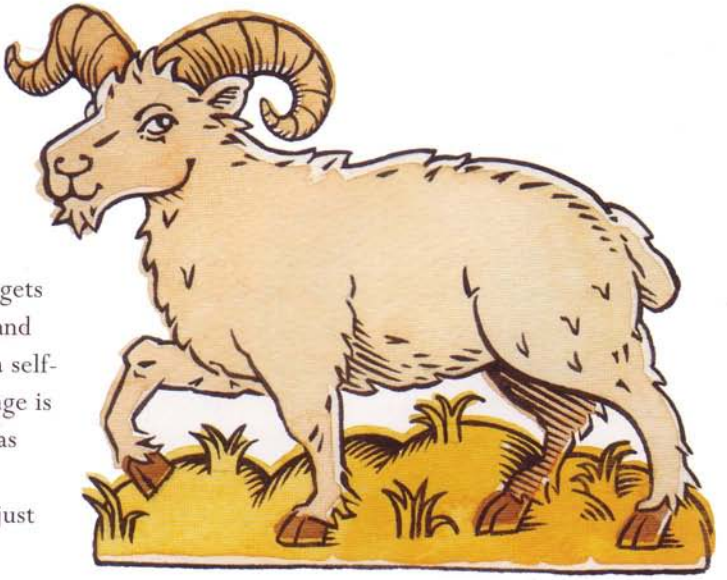
ASSERTING ONE'S SELF

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, the point where the soul touches matter and takes on a personality. The Sun in Aries is working on becoming centered around the Self—that eternal part of your being that incarnates again and again in its quest for spiritual growth. This process has to start with developing a strong ego and the sense of "me" that Aries expresses so well. Until you recognize your own individuality, strengths, and weaknesses, you cannot differentiate yourself from the karmic whole. As soon as you do recognize your own individual being, then the challenge is to be an "I," while remaining aware that the Self is part of a greater spiritual whole.

In the process of developing self-confidence and individuality, someone with the Sun in Aries often gets accused of being egocentric, selfish, and self-absorbed. Being an individual is a self-absorbing task and part of the challenge is to consider the other person's needs as well as your own. One of the karmic lessons is how to compromise and adjust to other people's needs.

ASSERTION OR AGGRESSION?

Karmic issues associated with pioneering Aries are to do with assertion versus aggression. In the past, you may have suffered from inertia or you may have developed a strong will and been involved in aggressive acts such as war, conquest, or putting your entrepreneurial skills to work. You enjoy the cut and thrust of competition—and may have been used to getting your own way by force. Indeed, part of the Aries shadow energy is the bully and the blusterer.



Now, you need to recognize the difference between assertion and aggression. You will be accused of being brash and pushy. This is because you carry the initiating energy of the zodiac. Impatient, you want to get things moving, being intolerant of delay. Going at other people's pace galls you, but it is part of your karmic challenge.

THE SURVIVAL URGE

Aries represents the survival urge at its most unfettered. An inflammatory firebrand, you are bringing pure, untamed life force into the world. You have the task of initiating action, bringing new things into being.

"I THINK YOU'LL FIND I'M RIGHT"

You are a forceful person who always thinks he, or she, is right. You may well be, as Aries does have the knack of finding the answers and of knowing what to do. You have quick wits and the ability to think on your feet—and you enjoy a challenge. You see an opportunity, and go all out for it. However, you dislike having to explain yourself or your actions and you will never admit to a mistake. You want to have your own way, and what Aries wants, Aries gets. Using a little tact in discussions with others is a useful skill to acquire, as is the art of gentle persuasion. Aries is a great mover and shaker, sweeping others along in a blaze of energy, but motivating them to carry on when you have lost interest in the project can be to your advantage as well as theirs.

Karmic lessons

The major karmic lesson for the Sun in Aries is to recognize and be centered around the eternal Self. Karmic issues associated with pioneering Aries are to do with assertion versus aggression, and the handling of a fiery temper that flies off the handle at the slightest provocation. You are also learning how to initiate and be spontaneous without trampling on too many people in the process.

Karmic strengths

Aries has tremendous courage and the ability to get things moving.

Karmic goal

Becoming aware of the Self and initiating and being spontaneous without ignoring the needs of others.

Sun in Taurus

The karmic lesson for the Sun in Taurus is to live comfortably in a physical body, at the same time recognizing that there is more to life than the body. You have to develop an inner sense of security, rather than relying on money, marriage, job, or status symbols in order to feel "safe." To assist, you have great powers of endurance.

INCARNATING INTO THE MATERIAL PLANE

The Sun in Taurus is working on grounding the Self into the material world. You are learning "organic relatedness," a fusion of the material and the spiritual. Incarnating into pragmatic Taurus is about being in a physical body and using the five senses to interact with the world around you, while recognizing that there is a spiritual dimension to life as well.

Taurus is a hedonistic, sensual sign. This is part of your physical learning process, as is sex. You revel in comfortable surroundings, and touch is one of your favorite ways of communicating. You enjoy your physical body and need to express your sensuality. However, if you get stuck in a purely sensual or sexual expression of yourself, you will accumulate karma that will need to be balanced out in another life.

Unless there are powerful karmic patterns to the contrary, you are a doer, not a dreamer. Your task is to hew and shape matter. You use your resources and skills to make your mark on the world, and few Taureans are happy in a purely intellectual job. You need the physical activity of shaping matter. You may do this through the arts (sculpture being a particularly Taurean activity), gardening, construction, engineering, or business. Yours is a practical and capable sign. You bring things into being through your hands, a talent that is often brought with you from another life to be built up and expanded upon. Your desire to own more and more might be brought from another life too, especially one where there was never enough.

SECURITY-ORIENTATED

Born with the Sun in this fixed sign, you get your initial sense of who you are from your place in the family, from what you own, and from the position you have in the outer world. As a child, your most-used word is "mine!" As you mature, your self-worth comes from your house, your marriage, your job, and the size of your car. Entrenched in these symbols of security, you stay in an unhappy marriage or an unfulfilling job because it makes you feel safe. You have not yet learned that you deserve to have more than this. Indeed, you believe that to have more must be "more of." That this is not so is one of your strongest karmic lessons.

IN A RUT

Taurus is about perseverance and endurance—and knowing when it is appropriate to let go. You have the ability to carry things through when other signs give up. You are exceptionally stubborn and were born with a determined will. You will not be deflected from your purpose, even when this may not be the best way for you to go. Fixed and determined, someone with the Sun in Taurus can end up stuck in a permanent rut.

Part of your lesson is flexibility, so that you can exercise your free will and develop spontaneity, rather than following a fixed and rigid pathway. You need to evolve slowly and surely. If inertia sets in, you will ultimately expire.

Karmic lessons

Karmic issues center around security and values. Lessons revolve around materialism and sense perception. Taurus is an ethical sign. What you value, you protect. What is yours, you will fight over. The lesson may be to let go gracefully.

Karmic strengths

Your strong ethics, your ability to endure and see things through, your physical orientation, good sense, and sheer practicality are all useful tools to help you throughout your incarnation.

Karmic goal

A slow, steady evolution and development of inner security, and a sense of being unshakably rooted in a piece of eternity within one's Self.

Sun in Gemini

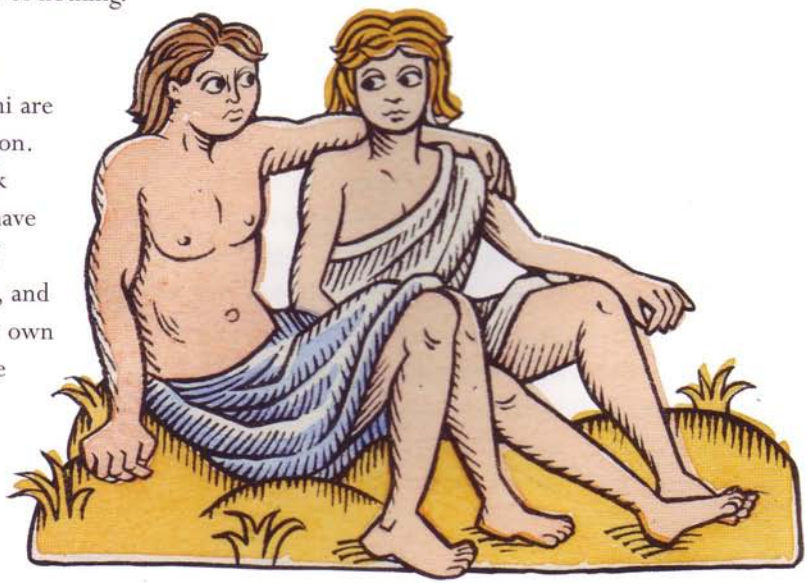
Gemini is the sign of communication. The karmic task is to communicate the Self to the world. Gemini takes small, disparate pieces of information and makes a great leap of intuition to reach a new truth. Versatile Gemini is interested in all things and explores many avenues as the soul seeks to understand the world.

EXPRESSING THE SELF

Having found your Self, the challenge is to communicate it. When the Sun enters Gemini it explores a mental world, one where ideas abound. Gemini is concerned with processing sensory and intellectual input. It is part of your task to gather information, synthesize it, and pass it on. Gemini is interested in everything and travels many roads in the quest for understanding. But beware of becoming the superficial "butterfly mind" that knows something of everything and all of nothing.

TRUTH OR DECEPTION?

Karmic issues that affect Gemini are to do with truth versus deception. Silver-tongued Geminis can talk anyone into anything and may have much karma to reap because of this. You can dazzle and beguile, and become carried away with your own cleverness. In the past, you have been associated with teaching and publishing, with "spreading the word"—and with inquisitions of all kinds. You may also have been something of a gossip, or the reporter who is not too sure of the facts but shares them just the same, and could well have karma to face around these issues. Witty Gemini is also the jester, the humorist, and the player of bit parts. You take on many roles as you pass through life. You will have explored many philosophies and world-views. Your challenge now is to find a set of beliefs to live by, to discover ultimate truth.



A DOUBLE LIFE

Gemini is a dual sign. Its symbol, the twins, says a great deal about you. It is as though two people inhabit the same body. You are changeable, and could well argue against the point you have just propounded with great facility—and not even notice that you have switched your stance!

Being true to yourself is something of a challenge, because you are not exactly sure which self really is you. By attuning to the eternal Self, this dilemma is resolved.

TIME TO INTEGRATE

You are adaptable and flexible, finding it easy to adjust to changing circumstances. You want to move on. Indeed, if things stay the same for too long you are apt to get bored and set about causing a little mischief to liven things up. A major challenge for you is taking time to integrate what you have learned. By disciplining your mind, sitting still and quietly reflecting, you can strengthen your soul's evolution.

THE FIXER

As you are so versatile and adaptable, you have the skills required to be a natural "fixer." There are many past life talents to draw on. You will always have a solution to a problem—it may not always be completely honest, but it will work. Part of your challenge is to find the right outlet for this ability. The temptation is to use it for your own ends. But if your soul is to grow, then you need to harness it to your soul's purpose.

Karmic lessons

Karmic lessons center around communication and truth. You have to express your Self. The issue of what is truth is important to you.

Karmic strengths

The knack of communicating with anyone and anything is valuable, as is the highly developed Gemini intuition which puts all the pieces together into a new pattern. A natural-born fixer, you know how to make the world work to your advantage.

Karmic goal

To express your Self clearly, openly, and unambiguously.

Sun in Cancer

In Cancer, the incarnating soul explores emotions and nurturing. This is the sign of motherhood, home, and family. Cancer is a deeply sensitive sign that may feel slighted or aggrieved without due cause. This sign holds on to the past tenaciously and that past may well unconsciously color the present.

INCARNATING INTO THE MATERNAL WORLD

In both men and women, Cancer is strongly connected to mothering and the maternal instinct. Both sexes have an urge to care for others, but may have to learn that it is more appropriate to care about someone than to take care of them. Although you may make an excellent social worker and people with troubles are naturally drawn to your sympathetic nature, your talents can be put to work in other directions, too. The karmic challenge is to nurture and then let go; to support others, including one's family, without becoming overly possessive; and to experience and understand the emotional dimensions of life.

This sign is intensely emotional, and you may well be both sensitive and moody. You are ruled by the Moon and emotions ebb and flow like the tides. You may not understand why you feel so emotional, but if you look at the moon cycle (see page 29), you will be able to chart your vulnerable times. This is because your inner life is important to you. You need time to withdraw from the world, process what is going on in your emotions, and then bring your insights back out into the world and put them into practice. You also need opportunities to build up your self-confidence and emotional strength. Despite outward appearances, you have a deep vulnerability that makes you fear other people's insensitivity—or their deliberate barbs. Your habit is to protect yourself at all costs. Learning to be less vulnerable, and more secure, is vital.

OLD FAMILY TIES

In Cancer, the Sun may well begin to recognize afresh a soul family from the past. Only when you are able to let go of an

obsessive desire to be immersed in your biological family can this huge evolutionary step be taken. It will bring back into your orbit souls with whom you have a close connection from the past. One of the first lessons may be to forgive and forget that past.

NOSTALGIA

Sentimental Cancer likes nothing better than to look back to the past. Nostalgia and possessiveness play a strong part in your life. Your previous experience, particularly at an emotional level, can color the present. You cling to what, and whom, is known and familiar as this gives you a much-needed feeling of security. Possessiveness can be a problem—once the crab's claws have taken hold, you find it difficult to let go. This is a major lesson in your life.

SELF-PRESERVATION

In the past you have developed a strong sense of self-preservation. You need security, which comes from money in the bank and the things around you. Emotional pain has created vulnerability but you hide this from the world. Many of your actions are geared toward maintaining your sense of security. You are extremely sensitive and may perhaps see slights that are not intended. Ever ready for attack, you have strong defence mechanisms that swing into action. It is as well to check that things actually are what they seem to be before you indulge in the self-pity that can mar your sign. It is better to concentrate on what is good in your life, on all the things you have to be thankful for.

Karmic lessons

Karmic issues center around possessiveness and letting go, around mothering and nurturing, security and safety. You want to look after the weak and helpless but the challenge is in recognizing when the nurseling can stand alone.

Karmic strengths

You have a caring, sensitive nature and you enjoy cooking and caring for others. Your tenacity makes you a good friend to those in trouble, and it can push you up the business ladder.

Karmic goal

To nurture one's Self and others.

Sun in Leo

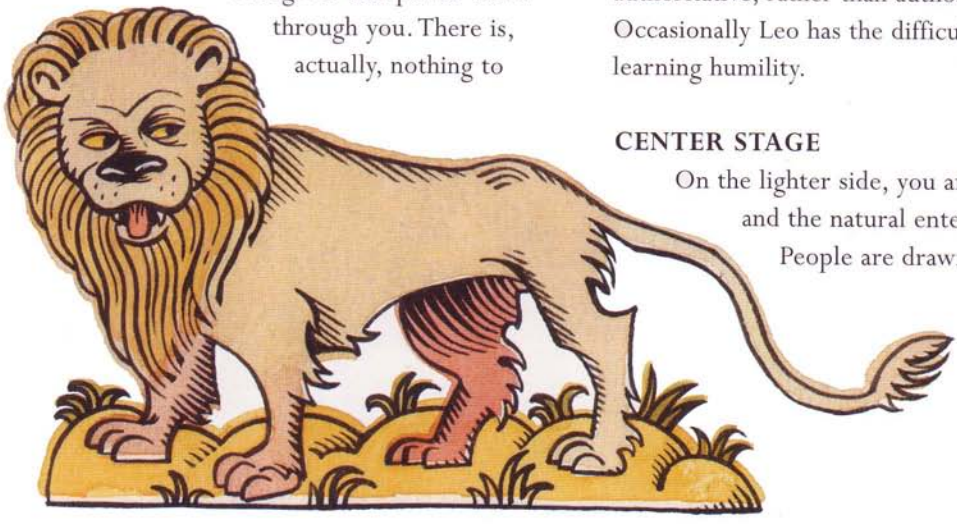
With the Sun in Leo, the soul is ready to make its mark on the world. This is a creative, heart-centered sign and the karmic lessons are concerned with power and creative expressions of energy. The challenge is to avoid being bombastic, arrogant—and bossy.

SOUL EMPOWERMENT

In Leo the task of becoming aware of being a unique, separate being is completed. The soul has recognized its Self. This sign desperately wants to be special but has to learn to value the "specialness" in everyone, at the same time developing personal self-esteem. Recognizing and valuing your own qualities, without exaggeration or grandiosity, is essential if your soul is to reach the next stage of evolution.

The greatest Leo lessons center around power, its use and misuse. You are challenged to own your own power, and then to recognize that power flows through you. There is, actually, nothing to own. If you try to hold on to power you become puffed up, full of self-importance, and assume you have the right to rule the world. If you let power flow through you, you become empowered, opening your heart and letting the energy flow as necessary.

The Leo inclination to bossiness arises from a sense of knowing better than everyone else what is good for them. It is well meant, but inappropriate. This is a sign that has ruled over many subjects and subjected many to its rules, and you may well have been connected with the "dictator energy" in the past. Now your task is to be benevolent and authoritative, rather than authoritarian. Occasionally Leo has the difficult task of learning humility.



CENTER STAGE

On the lighter side, you are a born actor and the natural entertainer. People are drawn to your

warm, sunny nature. Your place is at the center of the stage of life. It is your magnanimous mission to bring sunshine into people's lives. But you expect the proper recognition for this. You are not one to stand in the background. Given the adulation you believe is your right, you bask in the attention. It brings out your better qualities. If recognition is withheld, you may well sulk and withdraw. Pride is a difficult area for Leo. Naturally proud, but not always haughty, you can nevertheless withdraw into dignified silence if others commit the offense of lese-majesty—not recognizing your importance—in your eyes a crime against your person.

Part of you actually believes that you are better than everyone else. This is part of your need to be special and a result of many years "on a throne" in the past. One of the pitfalls for Leo is snobbishness, feeling somewhat above everyone else. This can lead to a failure to value other people's choices for themselves. If you are not careful, you can be patronizing without intending to be.

CREATIVITY

Your sign is ruled by the Sun, bringer of life. The life force flows strongly within you and the creative urge has to be expressed. An exuberant, sometimes over-the-top personality, you are prone to extravagant gestures and dramatic acts. Your soul is nourished by creative activities. Every Leo should have at least one creative hobby; it brings out the best in you and channels your excess energy into productive form.

Karmic lessons

This is a creative, heart-centered sign and the karmic lessons are concerned with power and creative expression. You have to live from your heart and be empowered rather than having power over anything or anyone. This sign has a need to be special and it is part of your task to value everyone, including yourself, for the unique Self in each soul.

Karmic strengths

You have a natural authority and the ability to be a wise leader. You love life and have a magnanimous spirit. You can be generous and benevolent—qualities you have developed in another life and can now capitalize upon. An aware Leo naturally radiates warmth out to the world.

Karmic goal

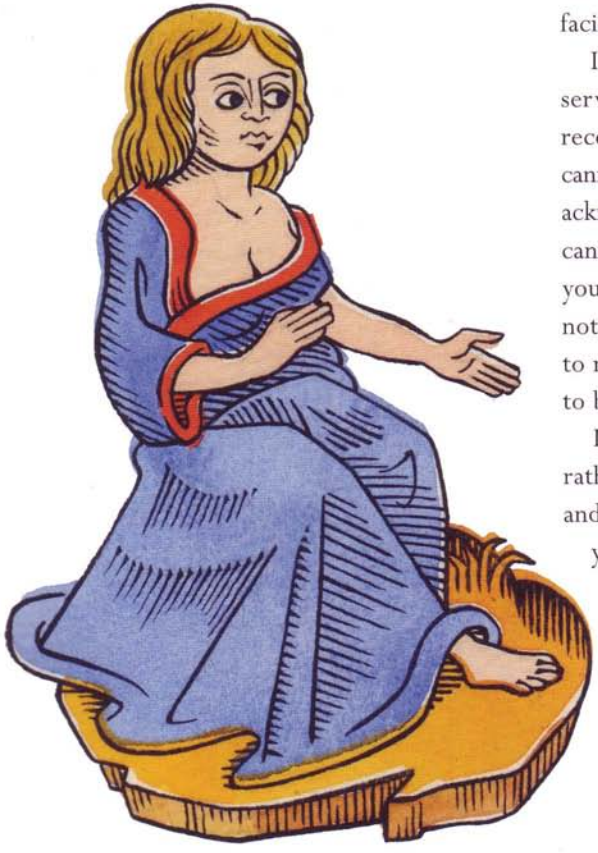
To express the life force creatively from the heart and so empower the soul.

Sun in Virgo

In Virgo the process of reintegration with the whole begins. With the Sun in Virgo, you are learning about service and discrimination, health and dis-ease. There is an ability to analyze and organize. This is the sign that sifts through to find the nub of the matter.

REINTEGRATION

With the Sun in Virgo you begin the journey of reintegration with the divine whole. Having achieved individuality and learning now to recognize the interconnectedness of all things, you serve the divine—and humankind—through whatever you are called upon to do. This service comes from the heart as an outpouring of divine love. If you have not yet made the connection to your Self and through the Self to divine love, then this is the task facing you in the present incarnation.



If you have made the connection, then serving without thought of reward or recognition is the path ahead. It is not that you cannot be paid for what you do—proper acknowledgement is your due. It is that you cannot look to other people for validation of your acts. If you did, then the service would not be truly dispassionate. Nor can you serve to make yourself feel good—the service has to be free from self-interest.

If you find yourself stuck with servitude rather than service, or enmeshed in servility and the dirty jobs of life, stop and ask yourself whether this is to teach you humility or some other karmic lesson. Or are you misreading the nature of service? If service comes from the heart, then the dirty jobs of life become a joy to perform.

PERFECTION

Virgo has strong ideals of perfection and can be a hard taskmaster, on yourself and others. If the ideal is too far away then you do not begin because you fear failure. Part of your task is to set achievable goals. Taking things one step at a time, you progress upward. If you slip, then stopping your critical mind in its tracks is important. Loving yourself enough to make mistakes and accepting them as part of the learning process is vital.

DISCRIMINATION

With a powerful, analytical mind, you have the ability to discriminate on many levels. You know when it is appropriate to say "yes," and when to say "no," when it is right to help another, and when it would be better to allow them to make their own mistakes or face the consequences of their actions as part of their own growth.

You can get to the nub of the matter. Virgo has to grind things exceedingly small and see how they go together. This gets you to the purity of the essence of things, a good place for Virgo to be.

MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT

Virgo's need to serve often takes you into medicine and healing. You need to explore the connection between mind and body, recognizing the psychosomatic causes of illness and how emotional disharmony can create disease. You need to understand how separation from the spirit also leads to disease. When mind, body, and spirit come together, then the soul enjoys perfect health.

Karmic lessons

The major lesson is about pure altruistic service, doing whatever has to be done simply for the joy of performing the service. You learn about setting realistic, achievable goals for yourself and others. You also have to use your excellent judgment but without becoming critical and pedantic. Another task is to analyze, discriminate, and assimilate on all levels of being.

Karmic strengths

Your quick mind and the ability to see patterns, get to the nub of the matter, and plan things in the most functional way possible make you an ideal organizer. You make the world turn more efficiently. This ability can also be turned toward understanding the true nature of health. You are practical and creative, and can bring things of great beauty into the world.

Karmic goal

To give dispassionate, altruistic service as an expression of divine energy at work.

Sun in Libra

With the Sun in Libra you are ready to enter into relationship with another. The challenge is to avoid losing one's Self in that other. The karmic purpose is to find the inner balance that enables you to take your whole self into relationship.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP

You are now at the point in the journey when you reunite with another. However, if you have not found your whole Self before you embark on relationship, you will be searching for your other half. You tend to seek out someone who makes you feel whole by complementing you or by filling in the "missing pieces." This leaves no room for soul growth, especially as there is the danger of slipping into the people-pleaser archetype and losing sight of your Self. It is better to work on your relationship to your own Self first, and then take that into relationship.

EQUILIBRIUM

Libra has to create harmony and beauty all around. You cannot be comfortable in disharmonious surroundings. You crave beauty and for things to be "right." You can tell when things are out of balance, and find ways of restoring balance. This is what makes you a good diplomat. You always find a tactful way of restoring the peace, or arriving at a creative compromise. Take care that, in the process, your own needs do not get overlooked. With your need to be liked, you may have to run the risk of other people opposing your decisions once in a while just to establish that you can experience that and still remain content.

GETTING OFF THE FENCE

You always see the wider picture and can appreciate both sides of an argument. This is why Libra can never make up its mind! Indecision may also arise out of past lives. If you always went after what you wanted in the

past, now you have to learn to balance other people's needs with your own.

You may also have to balance out judgmentalism from the past. You can have had high standards—and still do. Anyone not coming up to those standards would be judged wanting. You want things to be perfect. Anything or anyone that is not perfect could be rejected. It can also work the other way, when the prospect of relationship blinds your normal good sense. This can lead you into a relationship that is far from perfect but you refuse either to leave or to do the work that could improve it. After all, if you cannot admit it is imperfect, how can you recognize a need for improvement?

Your apparent indecision can arise out of a desire not to hurt anyone but when you look at this closely, you will realize that what you want is to avoid conflict. Also, if pain for the other person is involved, you want to protect yourself from sharing their pain. Pain, especially at an emotional level, can feel threatening to you. Your fear is that, if you have to feel the pain, you will be annihilated by it. Feeling the feelings and coming out the other side is one of your tasks for this incarnation.

Karmic lessons

Lessons for Libra center around relationships. Relationship to your Self and relationship to others brings up challenges. You need to balance your needs with those of another. You must relate without losing yourself in the relationship. Perhaps the greatest challenge is to be in creative relationship with your Self. You must make decisions based on what is best for everyone and yet ensure that you find inner and outer balance.

Karmic strengths

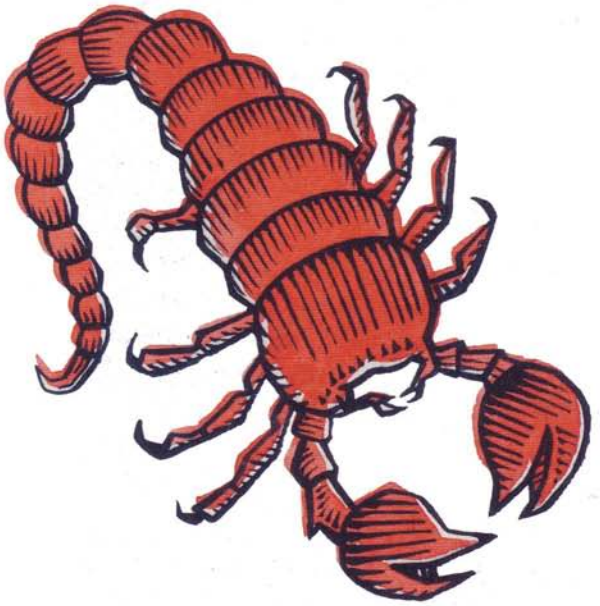
Diplomacy and tact are strong Libra characteristics. Your gentle way of putting things is helpful in discussions with partners. You have the ability to see both sides of a question and you possess excellent judgment. You also have the ability to bring balance and harmony into your environment.

Karmic goal

To find the inner harmony that enables you to take your whole Self into relationship.

Sun in Scorpio

You have to confront all the taboo places of life. Your karmic purpose is to find the insights there that will lead to your own and others' healing. The karmic test is mastery of power and the challenge is to avoid becoming embroiled in the attempt to establish power over others.



ENTERING THE DEPTHS

By the time the Sun is in Scorpio the soul is ready to enter some very dark places indeed. You have to explore the occult, hidden side of life, and the esoteric, higher states of consciousness. You are searching for the hidden treasure in the deepest recesses of the soul. This fearless sign goes into all the taboo areas of life, all the places where others fear to tread. You have to explore the shadow side of life: all that has been repressed and rejected. You are challenged to own your own darkness, to gather together the lost and scattered parts of yourself.

Without the reintegration of the shadow qualities, the soul cannot be whole, humanity cannot be healed. Without knowledge of the magical potential of the life force, you cannot be the master of your destiny. You must learn that there, in the darkness, is the source of creativity and new life. The past has to be transformed into fertile compost for new growth. As a Scorpio you must also explore the highest states of consciousness. As low as your soul can go, so it can soar correspondingly high.

There is an enormous capacity for self-destruction within Scorpio, but there is also the potential for total regeneration. If you are compelled into dark places, it is so that your insights can bring about healing. The dross has to be burned away. You have the endurance to pass through the testing "dark night of the soul" and emerge reborn. If you harness the enormous power of your emotions to your spiritual evolution, you master power and

fulfill your karmic destiny. One of your tasks is to overcome any lingering fear of death and recognize your own immortality.

SEXUAL ALCHEMY

For Scorpio sex is much more than physical intercourse. It is an emotional and spiritual communion: a mystical union of consciousness. For you, orgasm is death to the separate self and reconnection to the whole. This is a dangerous area. With your sexual charisma and intensity, you could consume another soul. The task is to choose a partner wisely. With the right partner, sex becomes an expression of the divine.

POWER

Wherever there is Scorpio, there is a challenge to master power. Your charisma and intensity draw people to you, as does your fascination with the hidden side of life. You may well have developed occult powers in another life. You will be tempted into "power-over" scenarios, which may be reruns of previous karmic interaction. You have the ability to force or coerce people but the test is to empower them. Control is not a spiritual option. If your soul is to evolve, you must invite divine power into your life.

SCORPION OR PHOENIX?

Your sign has the symbol of the scorpion, which will sting itself to death for no reason. But it also has the legendary phoenix, the bird that could go into the fire and be renewed. As a Scorpio, the choice is yours.

Karmic lessons

Scorpio's greatest lesson is the mastery of power and the reclamation of the shadow. Unless you can find the creative treasure hidden in the heart of darkness, you cannot fulfill your destiny as one of the most insightful signs of the zodiac. Unless you can allow power to flow through you rather than claiming power over others, you will never fulfill your transformative role in life. You have to perform the alchemy of the heart and regeneration of the soul.

Karmic strengths

You have great powers of endurance and the knowledge that, no matter what, you will survive. Your perspicacity and ability to see into the heart of another person can be channeled into constructive pathways.

Karmic goal

To master power and understand the great mysteries of life.

Sun in Sagittarius

You seek the deeper meaning of life. With the Sun in free-spirited Sagittarius you are on a quest for understanding. The challenge is to keep this quest focused and grounded. So often Sagittarius aims arrows it knows not where. The karmic key is the recognition that one has to live the questions before one can find answers.

THE QUEST FOR MEANING

In Sagittarius the soul asks "Why are we here?" It seeks to know the broader purpose of life. You are on a search for meaning and shallow answers are not for you. Although you may seek your answers in books or philosophies, you will come to recognize that you have to live your questions first. You learn by doing. Having found answers, you have to synthesize them into a vision of life that you can live. It is no longer a question of striving to be something, you simply have to Be. A deep connection to the Self links you into eternal and universal knowledge, a knowledge that takes you far beyond mere intellectual understanding.

At the same time, you are challenged to keep yourself focused and grounded. It is a Sagittarian trait to let arrows fly without selecting the target. They aim high, they fall far and wide, but the energy is scattered. You could spend all your time chasing ideas—the eternal student. But the task is to pass on your knowledge to others. Having understood the meaning of life, you must share it.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

Sagittarius is connected to ethics and the law. On the whole, Sagittarians uphold the law—if they think it is just. However, there can be a side to Sagittarius that is, if not outright dishonest, tempted to be liberal with the law. Many of the world's best conmen were

Sagittarians and this could be an aspect of your past life that you wish to heal. Prone to exaggeration, you can weave a magical vision of what could be. Others are tempted to follow and your integrity may be challenged. Your ruler Jupiter pushes you to take risks, to cut corners. At the same time, you may find yourself telling other people how to live ethically—but not practicing it yourself. Part of your task in the present life is to live your ethics. These may be unconventional, and will undoubtedly value personal freedom and the rights of the individual, but you are also setting a standard for the whole. A trap for the unwary is that you can be so bent on personal freedom that you transgress other people's rights, and do not even notice. If you cannot live in a way that sets an example, encompassing eternal values, then you lose something of yourself. Guided by the Self, you create a pathway of evolution for your soul.

RECONNECTING TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit is the creative life force at the universal level. Sagittarius has a religious urge but may confuse conventional religion with spirituality. Your challenge is to find your own connection to spirit. You may go directly through God (or the supreme being or life force) or you may seek an intermediary. Finding a route you can trust is important to you. Along the way you may explore some beguiling side roads, but you will always come back to the main highway. Avoid the temptation to become the guru for someone else's search, as it will take you from your own path. If you have to teach, teach by example.

Karmic lessons

Sagittarius has to integrate the instincts with the rational mind and then imbue the whole with the divine spark. You have been on a quest for meaning, searching through many lives. Now, having explored all possible philosophies, you have to find a way to simply Be, to live in the flow, following divine inspiration.

Karmic strengths

As a fire sign you have an intuitive connection with the spiritual world. Your open and questing mind is a powerful resource. You can integrate many different aspects of knowledge and come to true knowing.

Karmic goal

To understand the real meaning of life—and live it.

Sun in Capricorn

For Capricorn the challenge is to find the outer life stability and the inner spiritual authority that will enable the soul to participate in society without being overly restrained by the conventions of that society.

THREE LEVELS OF THE GOAT

There are three types of goat, who represent different stages of the Capricorn soul's evolution. The first is the domesticated goat, fenced in and restricted. Many Capricorns live like this because, although stultifying, it is safe. Then there is the mountain goat who shoots off up the mountain, anxious to reach the top. But this goat loses touch with the root of being. Finally, there is the sea-goat who bridges two different kinds of consciousness and integrates instinct and spirit. This is a wise goat indeed.

SOUL WISDOM

Capricorn is connected with society, its mores and its organization. Here the soul explores how humankind functions as a whole. You may be concerned with maintaining the status quo, fitting in, and living life conventionally; you can be determined to make it to the top at all costs; or you can take up the challenge to find a better way for society to function. No matter what level you function at, retaining control will be important to you, and one of your most profound lessons is to "let go and go with the flow." The challenge is to reconnect to the soul's wisdom and use that to become a wise mentor for humanity.

An evolved Capricorn soul is as much at home in the spiritual realm as in the physical. The sea-goat is rooted in the instinctual, fluid realm of the unconscious (repository of humanity's karmic inheritance) and can move between this and spiritual consciousness with relative ease.

WORKING TO LIVE, OR LIVING TO WORK?

If you have succeeded in your chosen career, but still feel unfulfilled, then it is time to take up a unique Capricorn challenge. You need to recognize that success is a state of mind, not a race to the top. With a strong work ethic in your past, you will have sought security in the outer world. However, once you are firmly established, you have to turn your attention to higher matters. You have a spiritual urge to satisfy. What you need is divine inspiration, a link to a greater whole. Personal success will never totally fulfill you. By reconnecting to the Self, you move into your higher purpose in life. Finding your own inner authority, the voice of the Self, you work for the community of souls.

THE INNER VOICE

Capricorn has, in the past, followed the Voice of Authority. This voice is composed of all the "oughts" and "shoulds" imposed by parents, teachers, gurus, lawgivers, and mentors over many incarnations. It tells you how you should live your life. It means that you are not truly in control—much as you compulsively seek to be. Most Capricorns try to keep rigid control of their life, fearing chaos and change. But part of your lesson is to "let go and let God." With the Sun in Capricorn, you are trying to attune to the voice of the Self and to allow that to direct your life. The Self is authoritative, not authoritarian; it directs, it does not control.

Karmic lessons

Your challenge is to find the voice of your Self and to follow this, which brings you inner authority. Your most profound lesson is to stop controlling life. You have to move away from authoritarian conformity and into a soul-based way of living. One of your most important tasks is to recognize that, no matter how much you chase material success, your fulfillment lies in integrating the spiritual into your everyday life.

Karmic strengths

Capricorn has considerable wisdom accrued from other lives. You have natural authority and common sense. People tend to do as you say because they respect you. Your sign has the capacity to see what needs to be done, to organize it efficiently, and then see it through for the greater good of the whole. Ethical and upright, you support society and its aims.

Karmic goal

To live authentically from your Self, having inner authority and power that is put to work for society.

Sun in Aquarius

When a soul chooses to be born with the Sun in Aquarius it is here to aid humanity in its evolution, to be a catalyst for change. This sign can see farther than most and recognizes that change is essential if the soul and society are to grow.

THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Your sign represents both the individual and society. You recognize, and uphold, the spark of divinity in everyone. Your task is to change how the individual functions within society, and how society treats an individual. You want a society founded on universal values where everyone matters. Your soul has recognized that it is part of the whole. And yet, Aquarius can feel strangely isolated from society. Part of your growth is to develop the social skills that make you an integral part of the community.

THE INNOVATOR

Aquarius is born ahead of its time. Inventive and innovative, you bring the future into the present. You are interested in ecological conservation, new energy sources, vibrational medicine, and social change. Your mission is to help humanity evolve. You realize that equality of opportunity is essential, and yet recognize that growth has to be tailored to meet individual circumstances. In the Aquarian view, equal opportunity does not mean that everyone has to be the same, it means that each person is entitled to develop their full potential in the best way possible for them. You see a need for social change and will rebel

against fixed or authoritarian ideas. This can lead to misunderstandings as other people are seldom ready for your revolutionary ideas. They view you as eccentric rather than recognizing your innovative qualities. Twenty years down the line, they realize that you were right after all. By that time, however, you will have moved on to the next challenge.

FIXITY OR FLEXIBILITY?

As an Aquarian you have a conflict between the urge to change and the need to remain the same. Uranus propels you into the future, casting aside all that has gone before. This is the rebel in your soul that may crave change for change's sake and makes you resist anything that curtails your freedom. Personal independence is important to you. You want to be unemotional, objective, and detached. Saturn is fixed and rigid. It likes routines and what is familiar. As a result, you can become stuck in some extraordinary ruts. You rebel, choose a different way of life, and stick with it no matter what the opposition—or how uncomfortable it becomes. It might be better to admit that it was not a good idea, and move on. Learning flexibility is one of your challenges in life!

THE CATALYST

Uranus is the planet of transformation and chaos. One often arises out of the other. Strongly attuned to the universal energies of your Self, you can see what is needed for soul evolution. When you find a positive way of expressing your Uranian qualities, you become a catalyst for other people's growth.

Karmic lessons

Aquarius has an urge to bring in change. Your task is to find a way of doing this that benefits everyone and does not bring you into conflict with authority. You also need to value what is good from the past, letting go of the rest. As a fixed sign, you can become stuck in a rut—often an unconventional one. Your challenge is to remain flexible and able to change as your soul evolves.

Karmic strengths

A perceptive innovator with the ability to look forward into the future, you can see what is going to be needed. You can spot the next trend, and the incoming good cause. You have learned how to usher in social change and to fight for justice. A catalyst for other people's growth, you work on evolution for all.

Karmic goal

To be free-thinking and innovative without destroying society in the process. You seek to break out of the confines of the past in a way that benefits humanity.

Sun in Pisces

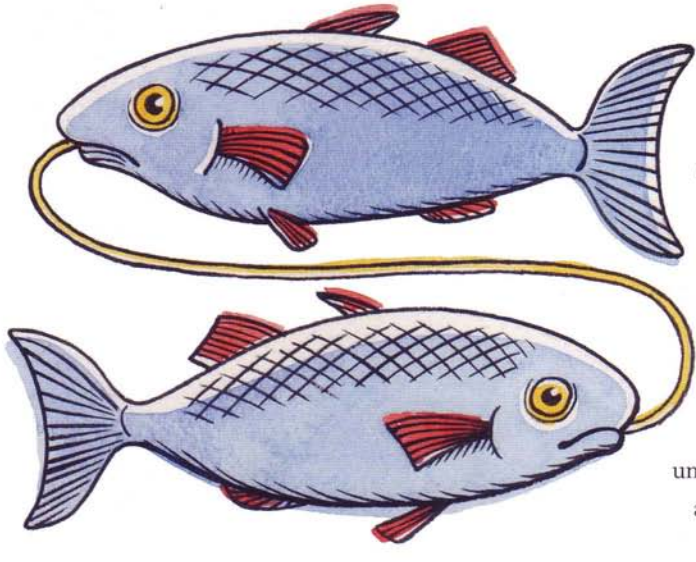
When the soul enters Pisces it is an opportunity to move into grace. The karmic purpose of Pisces is to achieve enlightenment and at-one-ment. The tendency is toward atonement, however, especially as guilt is a strong Pisces emotion.

THE URGE TO MERGE

In Pisces the soul yearns to return to spiritual wholeness to merge back into union with the divine. It wants to reach enlightenment and step off the karmic wheel. For the unevolved Pisces, this urge may pull the soul into anything where there is a semblance of unity. Meditation, alcohol, addiction, fantasy, and sex are favorite Pisces ways to escape from separateness into bliss consciousness. The evolved Piscean soul knows that separation is an illusion. The soul is divine. Unity is within.

ATONEMENT OR AT-ONE-MENT

In seeking to merge back into the divine, the soul often feels that there is something to atone for. Sensitive and empathetic, you feel other people's pain acutely. You may believe you are responsible, even when you are not. Guilt is a strong Piscean emotion and you want to atone for the sins of the world, as well as your own. One of your tasks is to recognize when reparation would be appropriate, and when to let go.



EMOTIONAL DETACHMENT

Pisces seldom has strong boundaries that keep other people's thoughts and feelings out. You absorb the emanations around you. Nor do you have a defense against your own powerful emotions. You flow this way and that, reacting to each and every emotional stimulus. It may be pity, or guilt, or any one of a myriad other emotions.

One of your greatest challenges is to detach from the undercurrents that so easily trap you, and to rise above these to become

one with the overriding spirit from which you came.

When you achieve emotional detachment, you can do so much more for those around you. Pity and sympathy become empathy. Empathy lets you connect to other people, but not to be overwhelmed by them. You can then see what is needed to help.

Emotional detachment is also vital if you are to avoid the Pisces traps of victimhood and martyrdom. You start out wanting to save a person, or to save the world. This is especially common in relationships. Very quickly, you become pulled down into all-too-familiar scenarios where you find that you have become a victim or martyr. With discrimination, you can see where it is appropriate to help or support someone else, and where it is not. If your support enables them to continue with their destructive behavior, it is not appropriate. If your help means they do not learn their own lessons, you are taking away their right to evolve. Pisces has a great fund of universal love, and the task is to express it wisely.

THE SPIRITUAL CHANNEL

You are intuitive and psychic, communicating with realities outside the physical world. You channel spiritual energy into the world. When this ability is unconscious and not in your control, you can be overwhelmed. But if the ability is honed, it becomes a spiritual gift. Your task is to develop the spiritual, as well as the psychic, awareness that enables you to communicate with all souls.

Karmic lessons

Boundaries are your strongest lesson. With the powerful urge to merge back into the whole, you can lose sight of where you end and another begins. Developing strong boundaries means you can still empathize, but do not have to take on the pain. Your other major lesson is not to fall into the victim-martyr-savior pattern so familiar to your sign.

Karmic strengths

Intuition, insight, and imagination belong to the Pisces soul. You have psychic abilities that can help you to empathize with those around you. Your caring nature will want to help your fellow human beings. Your imaginative approach to the world is creative and artistic.

Karmic goal

To achieve enlightenment and at-one-ment with the divine. To return to spiritual wholeness.

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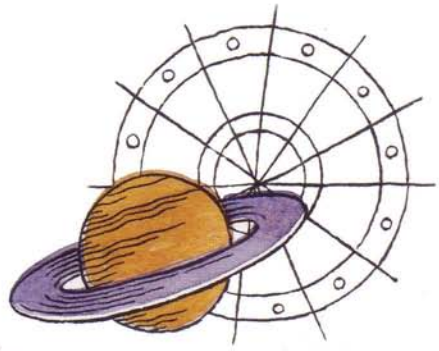
PAST LIFE VIBRATIONS: THE PLANETS

PLANETS CARRY vibrations and implications. The planets are important from the karmic perspective because they show drives and energies operating within the psyche, and the issues with which a soul is dealing in the present life as well as those it has dealt with in the past.



KARMIC CARRIERS

The energies of the planets symbolize energies and patterns that have developed in the psyche over many lifetimes. How well attuned and at ease we are with the planetary energies, or the degree of dis-ease we associate with them, is a reflection of past life experiences. Attached to each planet is a specific karmic vibration—and a lesson or issue for the present life.

The two luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, have already been covered, but other planets are also significant for soul growth. Karmic lessons are mediated through the House in which the planet is placed (see pages 100–107) and by the sign in which they fall.

By combining the information given about karmic issues and energies associated with specific planets, with your other readings, you will be able to develop a deeper understanding of your birthchart, and your past and present life.

Planets in signs

Planets in Aries
act boldly and impetuously

Planets in Taurus
act concretely and ponderously

Planets in Gemini
act diversely and persuasively

Planets in Cancer
act circuitously and protectively

Planets in Leo
act powerfully and regally

Planets in Virgo
act logically and critically

Planets in Libra
act cooperatively and harmoniously

Planets in Scorpio
act intensely and enigmatically

Planets in Sagittarius
act spontaneously and inquiringly

Planets in Capricorn
act cautiously and conservatively

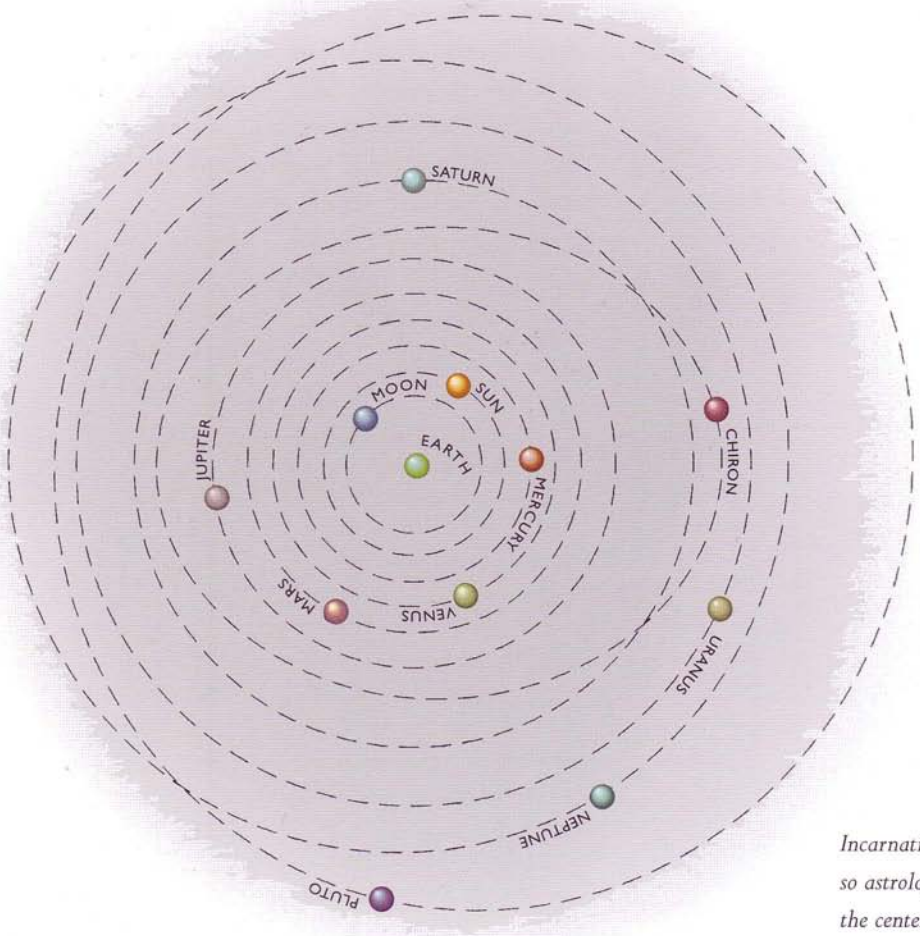
Planets in Aquarius
act farsightedly and eccentrically

Planets in Pisces
act amorphously and passively

ASTROLOGICAL PLANETARY ORDER

Astrologers look at the planets from the perspective of earth. They know that the planets revolve around the Sun but use a system that puts earth at the center of the chart because earth is where incarnation takes place.

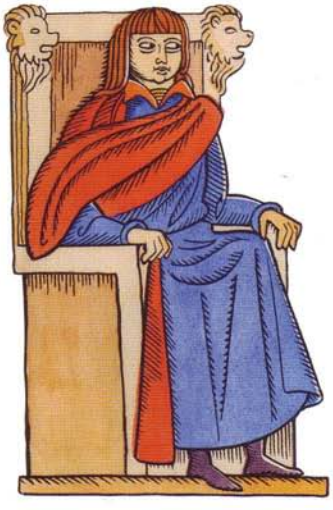
The planets are divided into the "inner" and "outer" planets. The inner planets are the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars. Jupiter and Chiron act as bridges to the outer planets: Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. The inner planets move quickly and are a much more conscious and accessible energy than the outer planets. Outer planet orbits take many years; they linger on the edge of consciousness. Therefore, the outer planets carry a much stronger karmic charge. Geometric relationship between inner and outer planets brings out inherent karma.



Incarnation takes place on earth, so astrologers' charts put earth at the center for horoscope purposes.

The planets

Each planet carries a specific karmic vibration and has particular karmic issues and energies associated with it.



☉ SUN:
Self-worth, individuality, and personal identity

This planet shows the level of vitality the soul brings into incarnation. Karmic problems center around loss of a sense of self and personal value. There may be difficulties in self-expression, together with an underlying need to reconnect to who and what you are at your deepest source.

The Sun describes the soul's image of Father and expectations around parenting carried from life to life (see the Sun through the signs, pages 54–79).

☽ MOON:
Emotions, feelings, mothering

The Moon carries patterns of emotional behavior that are deeply ingrained and instinctual. This receptive planet mirrors emotional blocks and expectations through other people. The Moon is linked to the soul's image of Mother and maternal feelings that pass from life to life (see the Moon through the signs, pages 26–53).

☿ MERCURY:
Mind, communication, travel

Mercury indicates karma connected with mind, intellect, ideas, and rationality. It describes how the soul communicates and shows how the mind has been used in the past. It can also indicate karma with siblings.

♀ VENUS: Love, values, relationship, the feminine principle

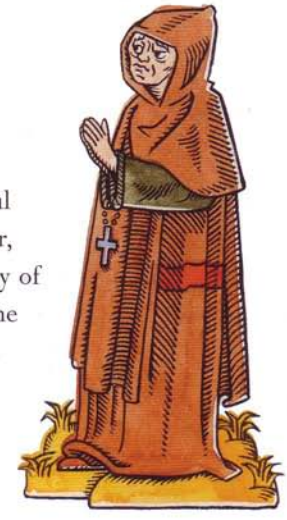
Venus is expressed through relationships. Venus shows how well love and relationships will flow. Venus also describes how an incarnating soul feels about itself, whether it believes it is worthy of love, and what it values. Through Venus, the rejected parts of ourselves are met in another. This planet shows expectations around love, attitudes to lust, and eroticism. Venusian karma occurs in social interaction and intimacy.

Venus indicates how the eternal feminine principle has been expressed in the past. In a man's chart, it describes the kind of woman he will be attracted to. In a woman's chart, it describes how comfortable a woman is with her femininity.

♂ MARS: Will, assertion, libido, and the masculine principle

Mars shows how assertive the soul will be in pursuing goals and objectives. It describes experiences with war and aggression in the past, with lust for conquest, and how the drive toward self-preservation manifests. Mars is lust, virility, and passion. It shows how strongly libido flows and how much passion goes into life.

Mars describes the kind of man to whom a woman will be attracted, and shows how comfortable a man is with his masculinity.



♃ JUPITER: Expansion, optimism, faith, excess

Jupiter shows where the soul must grow. But, with Jupiter, there is always the possibility of excess. This planet reveals the over indulgences of the past and shows where compensation must be made. This planet is connected to travel and philosophy and has to do with both secular and religious karma.

Jupiter is the ability to bring things into manifestation. It shows the soul's attitude to abundance. Free and unfettered, Jupiter gives all that is needed. If Jupiter is blocked, then the soul has lost its creative ability. Jupiter is connected to "old tapes" from previous lives that may need to be reprogramed before the soul can grow.

⚷ CHIRON: Wound and healing, paradox and integration

Chiron shows where the soul carries a karmic wound, where we wound ourselves, where we are wounded by and wound others. It is where the soul must heal and shows energies that must be integrated. It has strong links to scapegoating and sacrifice, and to the shaman. Chiron is the key to resolving the paradoxes and wounds of past lives (see pages 148–149).

♅ URANUS: Change, transformation, catalyst

Revolutionary Uranus is the urge to be different. It is the catalytic planet of chaos and change, the karmic awakener. It moves the soul out of its rut and into what may be. Uranian karma has to do with rebellion and revolution. It is where the soul tries to bring in new ideas and to use intuitive understanding of the world. Uranus is the technological planet and may indicate karma in this area. It has the skill to read vibrations and to bring them back into alignment and harmony.

♆ NEPTUNE: Mystical consciousness and illusion

Neptune has the widest spread of possibilities. It is the urge to reunite with the divine. It encompasses everything from the highest states of mystical and artistic consciousness, through imagination and fantasy, to illusions, delusions, and deceptions. Neptune is vision—and escapism. It may reveal karma to do with addictions and suffering—and where the soul tried to evade these.

♇ PLUTO: Birth–death–rebirth, power and transmutation

Pluto has to do with power, and with the whole birth–death–rebirth cycle. It has to do with all that the soul has tried to hide from itself. It is what must be eliminated and transformed. It shows where abuses and misuses of power occurred, and indicates the need for soul-empowerment.

♄ SATURN:
The Lord of Karma

Saturn is the key to inhibitions, doubts, and fears. It shows karmic burdens and responsibilities, where it is necessary to overcome limitations and to transcend the boundaries of what has been possible up to now. This planet shows karmic wisdom and indicates the karmic lessons the soul must master through life.

Saturn in Aries/First House

A karmic duty or responsibility is present. Life feels burdensome. The task taken on becomes apparent later in life. Blocks center around self-assertion and loss of confidence in another life. The lesson is to identify the karmic task and carry it out with confidence and competence.

Saturn in Taurus/Second House

The soul may carry a deep-seated fear of poverty, or overcompensate for previous materialism or asceticism. This soul is challenged to move beyond the conventional notions of security and into the safety and certainty of the Self.

Saturn in Gemini/Third House

The lesson is about communication and this placement often signifies an old block on communicating clearly. Fear and insecurity may create physical impediments. The soul must learn to express itself clearly.

Saturn in Cancer/Fourth House

Issues arise around inner security. The soul feels cut off from an inner source of nourishment. There may be considerable karma with one or both of the parents (Cancer representing the mother and Saturn the father). The soul incarnates expecting coldness and lack of affection. The lesson is to nourish oneself.

Saturn in Leo/Fifth House

Saturn placed here feels inadequate and insignificant. This is the soul who has been ignored life after life and incarnates with a difficulty in being wholly itself. In order to compensate, the person might try too hard to shine. There is a block on creativity (which may manifest as difficulty or delay in having children). So often the soul has not valued what it has created in the past. The lesson now is to value both one's Self and what one creates.

Saturn in Virgo/Sixth House

Saturn in Virgo may well indicate the past life ascetic. This sign is connected with service

and a past life vow to serve may be carried over. There may also be a chronic health condition that has its roots in a past life. The lesson is to serve freely from the heart, not from a sense of inadequacy or restitution.

Saturn in Libra/Seventh House

With this placement there may be a block on relating fully to a partner. The soul is thrown inward into itself to find true inner relationship rather than finding it in the outer world. Old promises may have to be kept within a relationship, a vow fulfilled, or support offered while a partner learns a lesson.

Saturn in Scorpio/Eighth House

There may have been a significant death in the past and present life experiences can be a reflection of unfinished business or of hereditary conditions. This placement may also indicate difficulties around sexual expression and a vow of celibacy that needs rescinding. Control by a partner is feared and there can be a deep-seated dread of sex and intimacy. Issues such as celibacy or poverty may be carried over from another life. The lesson is one of personal responsibility and openness within emotional intimacy.

Saturn in Sagittarius/Ninth House

Saturn placed here may indicate lives-long adherence to conventional, restrictive religion. The soul handed over responsibility to God and lived according to dogma, following The Rule. In the present life, the soul is thrown inward to search for meaning. The lesson is to find beliefs that the soul can live by and to develop the inner authority that will direct spiritual evolution.

Saturn in Capricorn/Tenth House

Saturn feels at home in Capricorn but may well symbolize an overly developed sense of responsibility and adherence to authority. There may also be a debilitating fear of failure. This placement takes on responsibility for society and may well act as a collective scapegoat. The karmic lesson is to find one's own inner authority and to act under the direction of the Self.

Saturn in Aquarius/Eleventh House

With this placement the soul often feels outside society. This may indicate a loner throughout many lifetimes, or an outcast. The lesson is to find contact with humanity at the deeper level. This can be a wise guide for humanity's future.

Saturn in Pisces/Twelfth House

Saturn placed here may carry karmic guilt for which the soul feels a need to make reparation. Old powerlessness or fear of being out of control is indicated, but the soul's urge is toward unity with the divine. The karmic challenge is to move beyond guilt and fear, transcending personal limitations and working to serve the whole.

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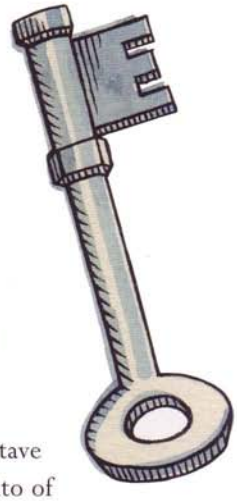
KARMIC EXPECTATIONS

THE GEOMETRIC relationships the planets make to each other in the birthchart are called *aspects*. They show the karmic expectations with which the soul incarnates. Both the aspects and the planets concerned can indicate karma.



LIFE SCRIPTS

The aspects of the personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars) with the outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Chiron, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) in your chart show the karma you are dealing with and the expectations your soul has, while personal planet to personal planet contacts are concerned with the present life only. Certain outer planet to outer planet contacts show karmic dilemmas.

The type of aspect shows how long the soul has been working with karmic issues (see overleaf). Difficult aspects point to life scripts followed for many lives, easier aspects to patterns that have developed more recently. Planets at right angles to each other or opposite each other, for instance, describe strong and ingrained karma. A life script that says "love hurts" will have a Chiron aspect to Venus. A square aspect shows a deeply ingrained belief that this is so, a trine that the soul has to some extent resolved the issue. If your soul's life script is powerlessness, then you will have a Saturn–Mars contact. The karmic expectation is that you will meet people who will have power over you. The challenge is to amend that life script by exercising your will.

HIGHER OCTAVES

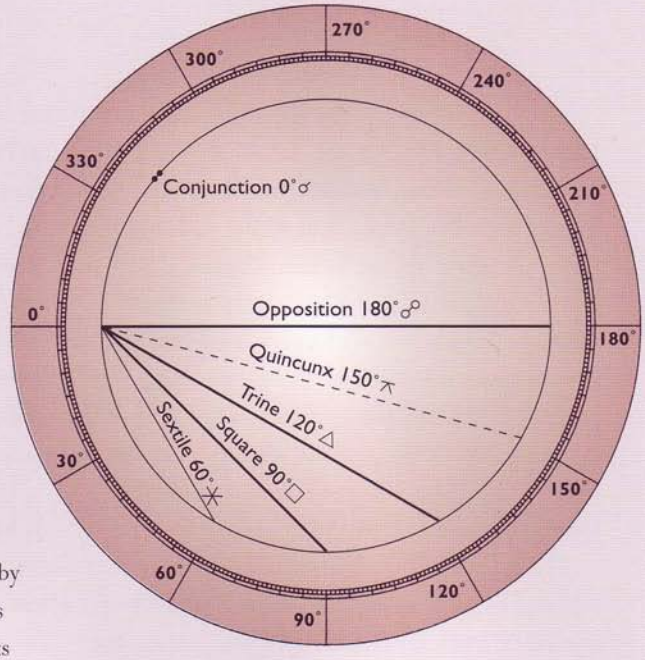
Some of the outer planets are said to be higher octaves of the inner planets—that is they have a basic resonance. Uranus is the higher octave of Mercury, Neptune of Venus, Pluto of Mars. Contacts between these pairs of planets will be somewhat easier than those where there is no higher octave harmony.

KARMIC ISSUES

The major karmic issues shown by aspects are self-worth (Sun), parenting (Sun and Moon), emotions (Moon), communication (Mercury), love (Venus), and will and power (Mars). Each combination of planets will be experienced from a different perspective according to the energy of the heavyweight planets relating to it. Sometimes only one perspective is being worked on, at other times different expectations have to be brought together and a resolution found. In the first case, the personal planet concerned will have only one outer planet aspect. In the second case, there will be two or more outer planets aspecting the personal one. Aspects to the Sun and Moon are dealt with in the section on Past Life and Childhood (see pages 122–127).

The Aspects

An aspect is the angular distance between planets on the birthchart. Planets in the same degree, but perhaps in different signs, are said to be in exact aspect. Planets that fall within 8° either side of the degree in which a planet is placed are also in aspect. This is "being in orb." An orb is the allowance made between planets. In the case of major aspects, the orb allowed is 8°. For minor aspects, it is 2°. For karmic work, major aspects between inner and outer planets are considered. These are:



Conjunction 0° ☌

Two planets, usually in the same sign, separated by 8° or less. An aspect of ease, uniting the energies and helping them to harmonize unless the planets embody very different energies, in which case they both fight for space.

Sextile 60° ⚹

Planets two signs apart. An aspect of apparent ease, although the karma may be repetitious and ingrained, and can take much work to overcome once it becomes apparent. The soul is comfortable with the pattern embodied and may not be ready to deal with the issues. This can also represent karma in suspension.

Square 90° □

Planets three signs apart. This is a difficult aspect embodying deep karma that has to be confronted in the present life. When the planets are placed in the fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius) the karma is old and ingrained throughout many lifetimes. When the planets are in the cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn) the karma is in the making and could well develop during the present life. With the planets in mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces) the karma stems from the most recent life and could become ingrained, or could be released in the present life.

Trine 120° △

Planets four signs apart. A harmonious aspect, the energies flow easily. This indicates karma that has been worked upon, either in the last life or the

between-life state, and which has to some extent been resolved. The soul is now challenged to make sure the lesson has been learned.

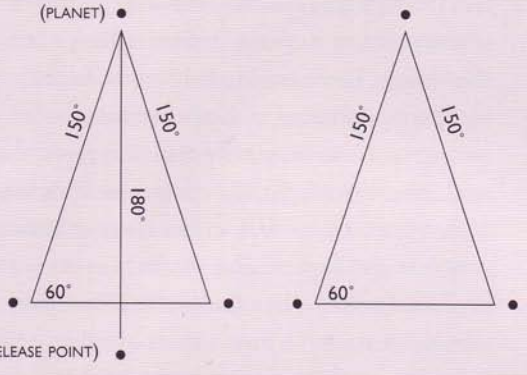
Quincunx (Inconjunct) 150° ⚻

A powerful, ingrained karmic aspect and a point of major tension. The soul has decided that the karma must be resolved in the present life, so the energies of the planets have to be harmonized and integrated. The inconjunct aspect can also be 30°, in which case the karma is often projected onto someone else who lives out the aspect so that the soul has to deal with it in that other person.

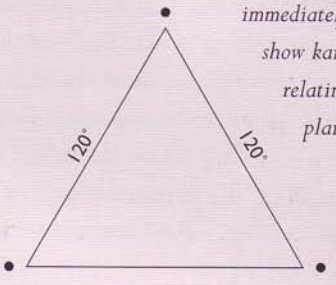
Opposition 180° ☍

Planets are opposite each other. Great tension is held within this dynamic aspect. When discordant energies are engaged in a head-on collision, resolution must result. When harmonious energies are brought face to face, the positive energies become apparent.

ASPECT PATTERNS

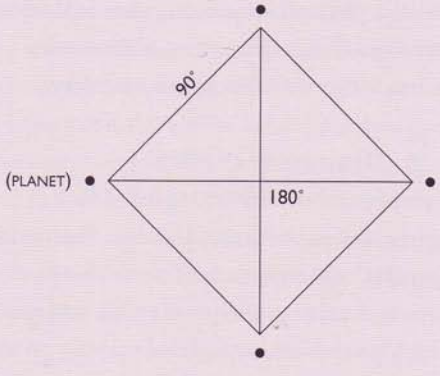


THE FINGER OF FATE: planetary energies need integration

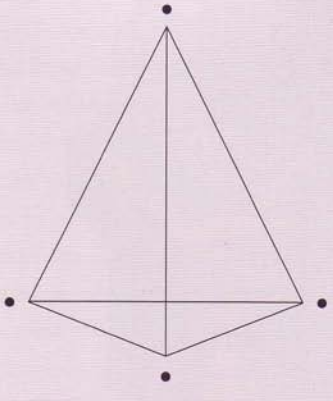


Some aspect patterns are immediately visible and show karmic issues relating to the planets involved.

THE GRAND TRINE: potential needs focusing



THE GRAND CROSS: deeply embedded karma if an outer planet or node is involved



THE KITE: focused potential

Communication issues

How the soul has communicated in the past is brought forward as an expectation that "this is the way to do it." The challenge may be to change the expectation or to use hidden abilities wisely.

⚷ ☿ Chiron–Mercury

When Chiron aspects Mercury there has been pain and difficulty around communication. The soul does not believe it can communicate effectively. The problem may have been in communicating beliefs—and perhaps suffering for those beliefs—or people simply not hearing what was said. Communication may get muddled or go astray. Now the soul is challenged to resolve those difficulties, to find a new way of communicating. The soul may also find healing through communicating—perhaps as a therapist or writer.

♄ ☿ Saturn–Mercury

With this combination the soul has also found it difficult to communicate. There may well have been a physical impediment in other lives—deafness, for instance—but this aspect can signify someone who has, for example, had their tongue cut out, either as a punishment or to prevent them telling what they know. There could also have been the hampering effect of lack of education or perhaps a social inequality that prevented the soul from reaching its full potential. This soul understands things as a whole. Saturn is always concrete and logical. This can be a serious and profound mind, when the soul is allowed to communicate in its own way rather than being forced to conform to the norm. It is also as well to remember that the soul might have taken on a physical condition, such as deafness in order to develop the other senses or to experience the world in a different way.

♅ ☿ Uranus–Mercury

This combination is often regarded as eccentric and, sometimes, chaotic. The mind and mental capacity of a soul with these planets in combination is somewhat unusual. It is highly intuitive, capable of making great leaps to synthesize seemingly disparate facts to find a new way of looking at things—and

therefore liable to be misunderstood because the soul often cannot explain how the mind reached its conclusions. The challenge is to find a way of being appreciated for the inventiveness of the mind, to seek a pathway that utilizes the soul's ability to reach an intuitive understanding of vibration of all kinds. Not everyone can be a quantum physicist but the soul with Uranus–Mercury has the right tools. Many astrologers, acupuncturists, and intuitive healers have these planets in aspect and have brought their knowledge forward from the past.

However, this combination can also indicate a "disordered" mind. It may result in psychiatric states that are based on a chemical imbalance in the brain, or states where other lives impinge indiscriminately—where the mind experiences flashes of past lives, etc. Or it could indicate states such as dyslexia, linked in the present life to brain injury or malfunction in the past.

♆ ☿ Neptune–Mercury

The soul with this placement is both intuitive and psychic, open to messages and impressions from other spheres. Telepathy and clairvoyance are common with these planets in aspect and the ability is brought forward from another life. The problem can be that the soul is unable to distinguish between everyday reality and psychic reality. It can be swamped by impressions and other people's feelings, acting like a psychic sponge. Indeed, there may be times when the soul does not recognize the difference between "me" and "someone other." Extreme states of emotion or intense longings that are not personal can be experienced. The challenge is to harness this ability and use it when required, shutting it down when it is not. As this mind is so receptive, other people can manipulate it by projecting ideas at a subtle level. The soul with this combination then picks them up, thinks they are its ideas in the first place, and acts on them, not realizing it has been manipulated.

In this highly artistic and imaginative combination, the soul can receive inspiration from the higher spheres. The task here is to ground this inspiration, to do something constructive with it, rather than inhabiting a fantasy or escapist world.

♇ ☿ Pluto–Mercury

The soul with this intense and insightful combination has learned to see right into the heart of another person, totally understanding their motivation and psyche. It is like shining a laser into all the hidden recesses of the soul.

This can be uncomfortable for the other person unless they have requested this kind of insight, especially as the soul with this combination is unlikely to reveal much about itself. It can be uncomfortable for the soul, too, as it may know things about another person it would rather not. One thing is certain, other people can never fool a Pluto–Mercury combination.

Such an ability is open to misuse. In the past this powerful mind could have been used to control or coerce other people. Now the soul may have to make reparation or find a way of helping people through the use of this ability rather than manipulating them.

Love issues

How the soul has experienced love in a past life comes forward as a lovescript that needs to be reprogramed through relationships in the present.

⚷ ♀ Chiron–Venus

With Chiron–Venus contacts the soul has been hurt in love, many times. So much so that it might have stopped trying to have relationships and shut down. If the soul is still trying to have relationships, it tends to attract difficult and painful experiences and then says "There, I knew I would be hurt." The challenge is to find a relationship that will heal that old belief and show the soul how to find fulfilling love once again.

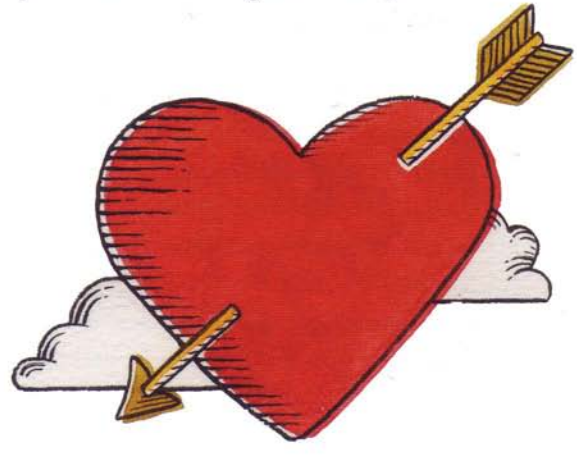
♄ ♀ Saturn–Venus

Saturn–Venus contacts indicate an old belief that the soul is not lovable. Relationships will have been cold and unloving, often centering around a trade-off of some kind. The challenge is to love yourself, and then to allow someone else to love you. Here again, the soul tends to attract "bad" relationships or to choose a partner who finds it impossible to love, thus confirming the expectation. Saturn square Venus, for example, indicates a long battle with the inherent belief that "I am not lovable, I don't deserve love." The soul may feel guilty about something or may not have experienced love. Lives attached to this may well include the "prostitution" of selling yourself in a loveless marriage for the sake of security, or even actual prostitution. This contact may also be describing an old vow of celibacy that is intruding into the present relationship and that may need revoking. Either way, this aspect is a challenge to love yourself.

When Saturn is in trine (120°), the soul's experience has subtly shifted. There has been recognition that not only did the soul deserve love but also that the task was to be able to love yourself. Now the challenge is to put that into practice.

♅ ♀ Uranus–Venus

The soul with this combination finds commitment and intimacy difficult. So much so that, in the past, it may have settled for celibacy rather than enter into relationship. The challenge for the present life is to enter into open and true intimacy with another person while allowing sufficient space for



the union to grow—and allowing each soul to retain its own individuality. One and one make a relationship, but one that is neither symbiotic nor exclusive.

Souls are not exclusively "male" or "female," and this soul may have ambiguity and ambivalence around gender and sexuality. The soul may be trying to explore another facet of sexuality. Bisexuality or same-sex orientation are common. The soul may also be inhabiting a body of a different gender for the first time and struggling to adapt. The task is to move beyond gender restrictions and into open relationship with oneself and others.

♆ ♀ Neptune–Venus

This is the soul most likely to be seeking its soulmate. There is a deep yearning to return to the unity of the divine that the soul knew in its spiritual infancy—and the soul may well clutch at any straw that feels like its other half. Confusions, delusions, and deceptions are common with this placement. The task is union with the divine part of the soul.

With Neptune–Venus, in other lifetimes the soul has been working on the conundrum of "How can I be sexual and sacred at the same time?" There will have been several lives where the libido was repressed and others where sexuality was explored. In the present life you may notice a tendency toward putting a beloved on a pedestal and expecting him or her to be "perfect." Disillusion quickly sets in when the all-too human foibles are exposed. This is an old pattern. The challenge is to integrate spirituality with sexuality and love the object of your affections with unconditional love. Unconditional love is the ultimate aim of Neptune–Venus aspects. But the love is unconditional in the sense that it sees the pearl in the heart of the other person, it sees what they can be, and yet loves that person, "warts and all," without expecting change. However, if the other person wants to behave in a way that is unacceptable, boundaries are set. The old pattern will have been to allow them to walk all over you. Now limits have to be set by saying "I love you and I set you free to be yourself, and I will not allow you to disturb my equilibrium."

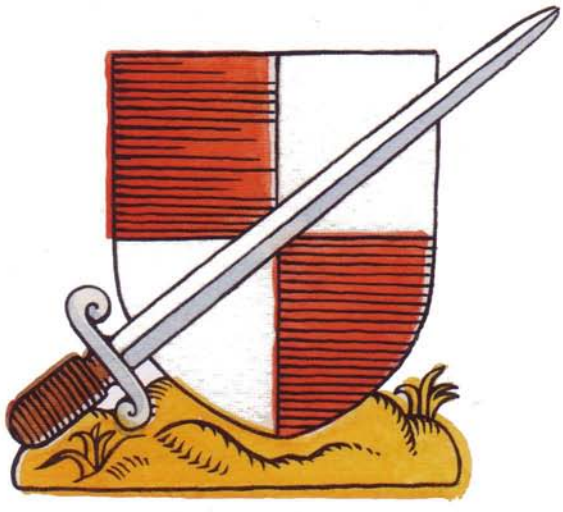
♇ ♀ Pluto–Venus

This soul has a deep, dark, and needy hole inside that says "There will never be enough love." The past pattern is to have manipulated, maneuvered, and demanded love; to have clung to whatever passed for love whether it be abusive, collusive, dependent, symbiotic, or indifferent. The great fear is: "If I let this go, there might never be love again." This is the soul who wants so much to be in control that the hidden expectation is that love will overwhelm, consume with its intensity, obliterate individuality, and swallow the soul.

The lesson for this soul is to let go totally of the need to "get love" from another person—no one can possibly fill that bottomless pit. The soul then has to turn to its connection with the divine and fill itself up from that unfailing source of love. With the core, or the hole, filled with this source of love, the soul can then give out pure love, which will attract it back. Loving becomes a natural part of life.

Will and power issues

Will, power, and assertion issues relate to the warrior planet Mars. How well will and power have been handled, and whether the soul has learned assertion skills or aggressive tendencies, is indicated by outer planet contacts. Assertiveness is an asset whereas aggression can pull back the soul into old battles. Whether the soul expects to be able to use its will is shown in these aspects; old powerlessness and helplessness can disempower the soul, for instance, while past life willfulness needs to be balanced out.



♃ ☌ ♂ Jupiter–Mars

With Jupiter–Mars contacts the soul has learned in past lives how to manifest what it needs. Whatever can be visualized or imagined can be brought into being. As long as positive expectations exist, constructive things happen. But if negative programs are running, especially related to other karmic expectations, then this will manifest. By using positive affirmations and guided visualization, the soul can reprogram the expectations so that good things happen.

⚷ ☌ ♂ Chiron–Mars

With this combination the soul has experienced a deep wounding of the will. The soul may have tried to assert itself and been punished, it may have endured imprisonment, a parent or master may have aggressively asserted their will, or conditions may have caused the soul to feel that it was hopeless. The expectation is that any attempt to assert the Self, or to will something into being, will fail or be blocked by someone else.

The task now is to heal this wounding, to assert the Self, to rediscover how to manifest what the will desires, and to take back power into the Self.

♄ ☌ ♂ Saturn–Mars

Saturn–Mars suffers from old helplessness and powerlessness. This is the soul that has been a slave—literally or figuratively—owned body and soul by another person and unable to assert the personal will. The other past life manifestation is the soul who has

handed the will over to God and not taken it back at the end of a religious life. Now the challenge is to take the will back and to develop strength of will but not overbearingly so.

♅ ☌ ♂ Uranus–Mars

The soul has been willful in the extreme in other lives. Asserting oneself and one's will was paramount. What mattered to the soul was what the soul went all out for, no matter what opposition there was. Such extreme willfulness may have hurt others, or the soul. Now the soul has to take others into account when exercising the will and asserting the Self. Indeed, when assertion comes from the Self, then no one will can triumph over any other, and a way to cooperate will be found.

♆ ☌ ♂ Neptune–Mars

The soul with this placement may have been working on spiritualizing the will in other lives, or may have served the divine. The task is to make the will serve the Self rather than the ego, to shift into a way of asserting that comes from the Self. This soul carries guilt from another life and finds it difficult to forgive itself—often unnecessarily. It may feel a need to make restitution or reparation for something that has long been forgiven and forgotten by another person. Self-forgiveness is paramount.

It may also be a soul that has an addiction, or the seeds of one, from another life. Alcoholism and other addictions often have a past life contributory cause. Alcoholics have a strong will, but will cannot overcome an addiction. The lesson is that will is not always enough. The will has to be surrendered to a higher power. The Self, and God as the soul understands it, have to be invoked to overcome the addiction.

♇ ☌ ♂ Pluto–Mars

Wherever Pluto is in the chart, there lies the potential for use, abuse, and misuse of power. This soul may have been victim or perpetrator, but in the present life it is afraid to assert its will because, deep down, the soul knows just how this can be abused. So, lessons around power abound for this soul. It gets into power struggles and assertion and aggression issues. The task is to use power wisely to become empowered.

Karmic dilemmas

There are planetary pointers in certain outer planet contacts toward past lives, particularly those at opposite ends of experience, that create a dilemma or paradox for the soul to solve. When the planets are in difficult aspect, the soul will have been struggling to resolve the difficulty for many lives. Such dilemmas need to be resolved in the present life.

THE MYSTIC–PRAGMATIST DILEMMA

Neptune–Saturn contacts are known as the "mystic–pragmatist dilemma." There will have been Neptunian lives of spirituality, mysticism, and escapism, and there will have been Saturnine lives of practicality, limitation, and restriction. Saturn follows the rules and dogma of a religion. It is the priest or follower of an established, often puritanical, sect. If Neptune is a priest, it is of ecstasy and abandon. Neptune experiences spiritual oneness with the universe. It is the sadhu or yogi who goes to meditate on the mountaintop—or uses drugs to enhance mystical consciousness.

The soul with this aspect wants to regain its old unity but may well escape into fantasy, delusion, or illusion. Saturn wants everything done within well-defined limits; all responsibilities to be taken up, all debts paid. In the present life, the soul is torn between being spiritual and trying to make a living. The challenge is to become spiritual and yet remain grounded in the material world.

EXPANSION–CONTRACTION

When Saturn clashes with Jupiter the soul has had miserly, constricted lives and over-the-top spendthrift lives where it was not afraid to take a gamble. It is rather like suffering from bipolar disorder. Saturn gets pulled down by duty and responsibility, Jupiter wants to fly into endless possibilities. So often the soul with this combination settles for what is safe rather than achieving full potential. This soul may retreat into comfort eating or other addictions, as much out of boredom as anything else. To resolve the dilemma, the soul has to have faith and optimism and yet remain practical.

CHANGE–MAINTENANCE

Put Saturn and Uranus together and it is like trying to drive with one foot on the brake and one on the gas. An immovable mountain is hit by an irresistible force. Unconventional, changeable Uranus is an unpredictable catalyst trying to bring in a revolution of consciousness. This planet wants change, change, and more change. Saturn tries to maintain the status quo at all costs. It lives by the rules that Uranus shuns. Lives connected to this may be as teacher, administrator, or law-enforcer versus scientist, revolutionary, or inventor. The challenge is to find an ordered way of making changes, keeping the best of the old and the most practical aspects of the new.

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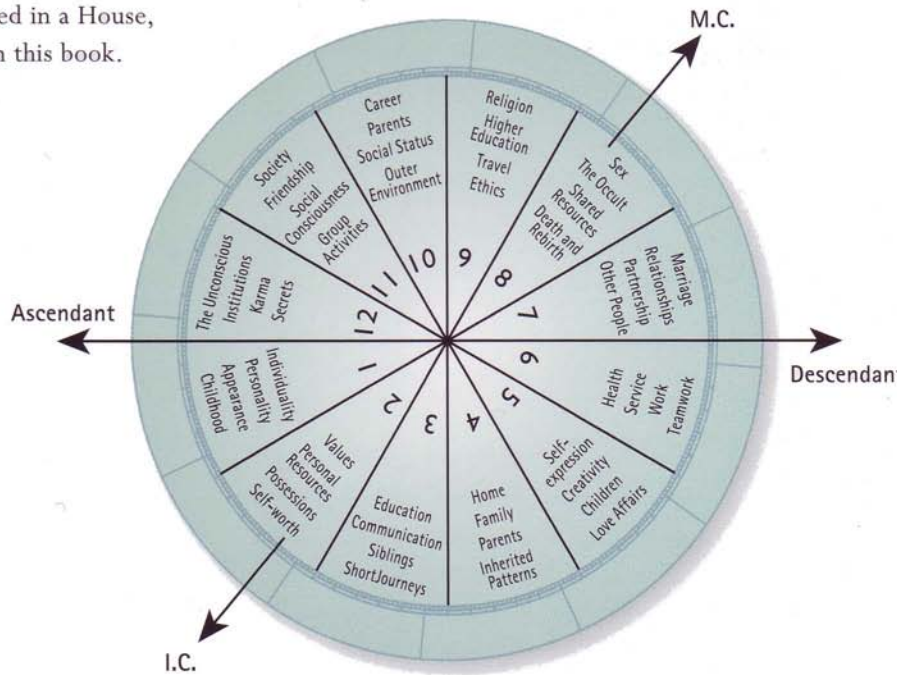
Past life repositories: the Houses

The Birthchart is divided into different areas known as *Houses*. These equate to spheres of life. While all the Houses have a karmic tinge to them, certain Houses are strongly karmic.

DIVISIONS OF THE WHEEL

The Houses are divisions of the Zodiac Wheel. The start of each House is called the cusp. Systems differ somewhat but you can read a chart from a karmic perspective no matter what house system has been used. The main systems are Placidus, Equal House, and Koch. In Equal House, all the Houses are the same size. In Placidus and Koch, they are different sizes. Because the size of a House can be a significant indicator of karma, as can the number of planets placed in a House, Placidus Houses are used in this book.

The twelve Houses go anticlockwise round a chart from the Ascendant, which is the name of the First House cusp. If the chart were a clock face, the Ascendant would be at 9 o'clock (see below). It is where the sun rises on that day. The Midheaven, or Medium Coeli (M.C.), is where the sun is overhead at noon. The Descendant is where the sun sets and the Imum Coeli (I.C.) is where it began the day.



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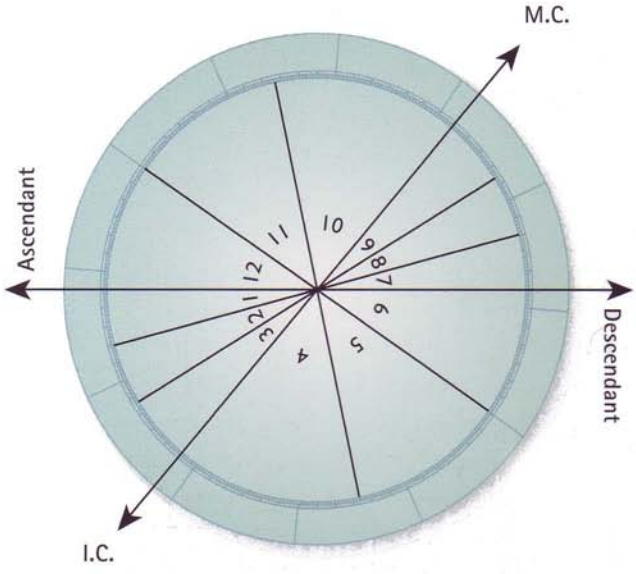


Placidus and Koch House systems use the M.C. as the start of the Tenth House. Houses are of unequal size.

SPHERES OF LIFE

The Houses are the "where" of a chart. They represent unfolding spheres of life in which different activities occur and karma makes itself known. The journey of the soul around the chart goes from the individuality of the First House into the soul becoming conscious of its resources and previous experience, through family connections in the Fourth House, relationships in the Seventh, and, finally, back to union with the whole in the karmic Twelfth House. It is a journey into expanding awareness.

Where karmic influence falls

First House
Incarnation and individuality

Second House
Past life resources

Third House
Communication and sibling karma

Fourth House
Home and family

Fifth House
Creativity, love affairs, and children

Sixth House
Health, vocations, and service

Seventh House
Karmic relationships

Eighth House
Vows and inheritances

Ninth House
Philosophy and religion

Tenth House
Family and work

Eleventh House
The greater group

Twelfth House
Karma

PLANETS IN HOUSES

Just as not all Houses necessarily indicate karma, not all planets placed in Houses carry karma. Karmically significant planetary placements are discussed under each House. Each House has a "ruler:" the planet or planets connected to the sign on the cusp. If a House does not have a planet situated in it, then it might appear to be empty. However, clues about the karma associated with that House can be gleaned from the position of, and aspects to, the planet that rules the House.

Planetary rulers

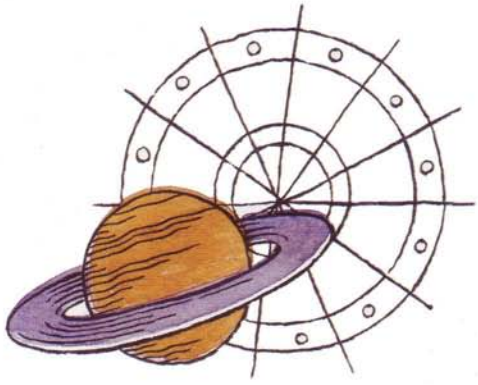
Aries/First	Mars
Taurus/Second	Venus
Gemini/Third	Mercury
Cancer/Fourth	Moon
Leo/Fifth	Sun
Virgo/Sixth	Mercury
Libra/Seventh	Venus
Scorpio/Eighth	Mars/Pluto
Sagittarius/Ninth	Jupiter
Capricorn/Tenth	Saturn
Aquarius/Eleventh	Saturn/Uranus
Pisces/Twelfth	Jupiter/Neptune

THE FIRST HOUSE

The First House shows how the soul feels about coming into incarnation and what it expects to meet. The sign on the Ascendant (the First House cusp) shows how the soul goes out to meet the world. Aries is pushy and assertive, Taurus much slower and more deliberate, Gemini chatty and frenetic, and so on. The Ascendant is what you notice first about people, and it can disguise their true self. There is a theory in karmic astrology that the Ascendant is the sign in which the Sun was placed in the last life and so it is learned behavior.

Planets that are close to the Ascendant show up early in life, those farther away make themselves felt later. A soul with Saturn placed here incarnates expecting life, and especially childhood, to be difficult. It carries a karmic burden, duty, or responsibility. Luckily for this soul, life improves greatly once it has reached maturity and the task can be got to grips with.

With Neptune placed here, it can be difficult to see the soul who is incarnating. This soul has issues around boundaries. It is not sure where it ends and the world begins. Consequently, it acts like a psychic sponge soaking up atmospheres and emanations from the people around it. This soul has to shatter its illusions from the past.



With Uranus, the soul is on a different path. Chaotic and catalytic, it makes things change. It expects the world to be unstable and unpredictable—after all, that is what it is used to. It is here to break the patterns of the past and release new possibilities.

Intense and powerful, Pluto in the First House is very aware that birth is a death from the spiritual realm. Indeed, birth is often life-threatening—which may reflect a deep ambivalence about incarnation. Pluto is all about power, and power struggles may well feature throughout life. This is a soul that is on the path of transformation.

THE SECOND HOUSE

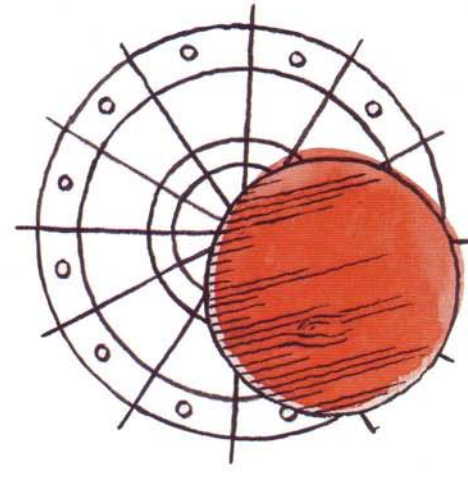
The karmic resources you have brought back with you (money to spend on your karmic credit card, so to speak) and the things that you have developed in the past show up in this house. Planets placed here indicate the skills, talents, and resources you have accumulated over many lifetimes. They show the karmic resources according to their nature: Chiron has healing power; Venus knows how to relate; Mars has learned assertion; Mercury can communicate well, and so on.

If you are someone who only has to think about things and they come into being, or who always has money, or finds that help arrives at just the right moment, then you probably have Jupiter placed here and have been working on abundance in the past—many spiritual disciplines taught their students how to manifest what they needed.

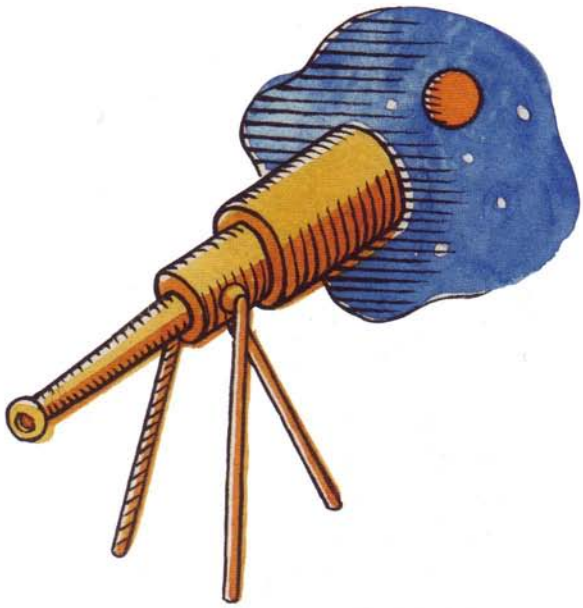
If you have poverty consciousness and don't feel worthy of abundance, then it is a pretty safe bet that you took a vow of poverty somewhere in a past life and the wonderful expansive cornucopia that is Jupiter is being sat on rather heavily by the finger-wagging Lord of Karma, Saturn, who is saying "Remember that vow!" This is especially likely if Saturn is in the Second House. Creative reframing and renegotiating of that vow are called for so that karmic wisdom can emerge.

THE THIRD HOUSE

The Third House indicates both communication and sibling karma. Of particular significance is Saturn, as it shows a karmic block on communication that may arise out of physical handicaps, such as deafness or having your



tongue cut out in a former life. The soul often feels very unintelligent indeed and has to reconnect to its natural intelligence once more. Pluto may indicate power struggles around what is, or has been, communicated, and struggles with a sibling. Chiron almost always shows that a sibling carries a wound from a former life, and may show communication wounds as well. When Neptune is placed in the Third House the soul rarely feels it belongs—either to the family or on earth at all. This is a placement of alienation and other-worldliness.



THE FOURTH AND TENTH HOUSES

This is the parental axis of the chart. It shows karma with parents and expectations around parenting. When the outer planets are placed in these houses, they also describe the karmic contact with the parents. Pluto is heavy, with power struggles and a need to break free from symbiosis. Saturn is also heavy and may be disappointed in, or a disappointment to, the parents. The soul is not valued as a unique person, nor did it expect to be. This is the soul that is learning to parent itself. Neptune has wonderful illusions about parents, but the parent is never really there. Chiron may show a wounded parent or a wounding home, the soul incarnated expecting painful parenting.

THE FIFTH HOUSE

The most significant karmic placement in the creative Fifth House is Saturn. This planet usually indicates delay or difficulty in conceiving a child—or other creative project. It is as though the soul has not valued its creations sufficiently in the past, and now has to struggle with this. When Pluto is placed here, the lesson may be to be creative in a nonbiological way.

THE SIXTH HOUSE

This is the House of Health and Vocations. It shows "body karma," the dis-ease of the soul (see pages 144–149). It can also indicate the continuance of an old vocation toward healing or service—Chiron, Saturn, Neptune, and Pluto—or a karmic need to undertake service in reparation or as a means of soul growth.

THE SEVENTH HOUSE

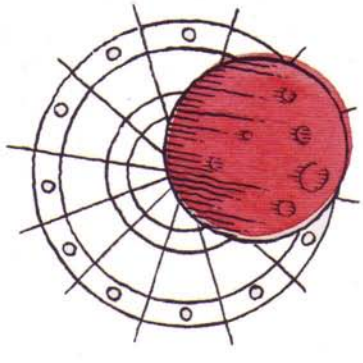
This is the relationship House in the widest sense of the word and the karma involved is set out in Past Lives and Relationships (see pages 128–143).

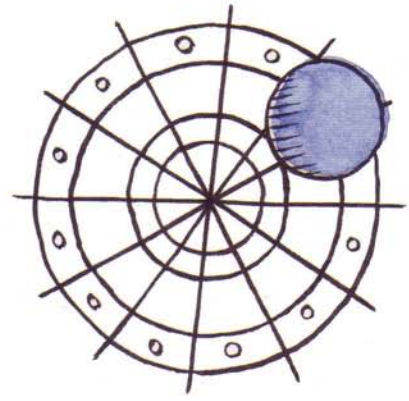
THE EIGHTH HOUSE

The Eighth House is powerfully karmic, but its significance can be hard to judge as it keeps its secrets hidden. Saturn here may relate to old vows that need to be rescinded, or a need to confront fears of death. Chiron, too, often means a significant death, one that puts the soul on its path. As this House is about shared resources, Pluto can indicate old struggles in this direction and a need to explore the birth–death–rebirth cycle. (See also The Eighth House, page 131.)

THE NINTH HOUSE

This is the religious and philosophical House and the karma can be dark and heavy with undertones of fanaticism and enforced coercion (Pluto), or fixed rigidity and puritanical adherence to the rules of the religion (Saturn). The karma may have arisen around trying to bring in new ideas (Uranus), or becoming more mystically minded (Neptune). The soul may have decided to make reparation for past attitudes, or to follow a particular path to develop spirituality farther.

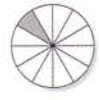




THE TENTH HOUSE

(See The Fourth House, page 105.)

THE ELEVENTH HOUSE



The Eleventh House shows your karma around groups and community. With Uranus placed here, the soul has tried to bring in revolution and revolt. With Saturn, it has attempted to keep the status quo. When power-hungry Pluto shows up, the struggles go way back in time. If Neptune makes itself known, then past illusions, delusions, and deceptions may have to be atoned for.

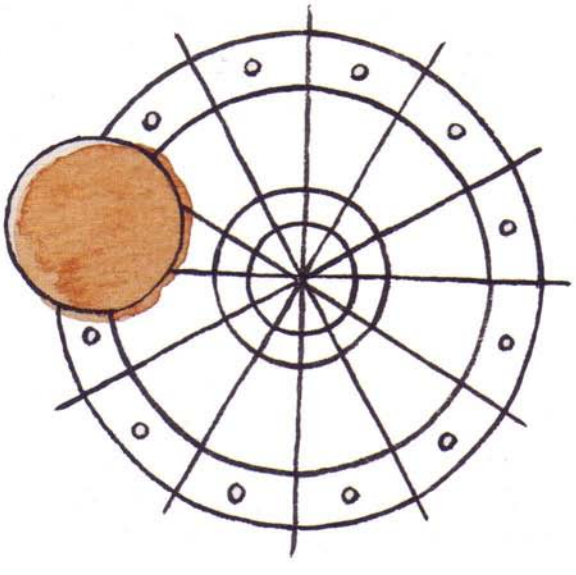
THE TWELFTH HOUSE

This is the most karmic house of all. When the soul sets out on the journey of incarnation, it stands on the Ascendant looking out around the chart. The Twelfth House is immediately behind. This hidden House is the deficit on our karmic credit card. Whatever planets lurk here indicate karma. Issues connect to the qualities of the planet. So, Mars is aggression, war, and assertion, Venus love and eroticism,

Mercury the mind and communication, the Moon emotions and feelings and deeply ingrained patterns from the past, and karma with the mother or mother-figures.

This House can give you an indication of where you may have incarnated in the past or the type of work you may have done. If you have Uranus here, you will have been present at many upheavals and revolutions (social and natural). You may well have been at the Fall of Atlantis, the volcanic eruption that swamped Pompeii and similar sites, or the French or American Revolutions. You will have worked with technology and revolutionary new ideas.

With Uranus in the Twelfth House, *déjà vu* experiences and spontaneous memories of other lives are common. People with "priestly" memories—especially of Egypt—often have Jupiter placed in the Twelfth House.



If Pluto or the Sun lurk in the Twelfth House, you can expect memories of having been "important." King, emperor, bishop, pope, general, or minor variations of these roles will feature. Pluto placed here has often been a doctor or healer in the past and may well have brought a vocation or hidden talent into the present life, but Pluto is also associated with war, as is Mars. Very different karma accrues when a war is fought from a deep conviction rather than as a conscript with no choice but to fight; and how the soul conducts itself within the war also creates karma. Plutonian power happens behind the scenes, in the general who directs the battle, for example.

People with the Sun in the Twelfth House have had important positions in the past but somehow seem fated not to gain the recognition they deserve this time around. It is as if they are having to experience anonymity to balance the fame and adulation they enjoyed last time around. The sun can indicate karma with the father or authority figures and surrogate fathers.

When Neptune falls in the Twelfth House, the soul may take on a huge chunk of suffering to make up for previously avoiding suffering. It can indicate a person who has inhabited an ivory tower in the past, cut off from events in the rest of the world. This is the monk or nun who withdraws into silence. Neptune here may also indicate addiction and escapism of all kinds. This House has strong links with institutions and prisons. The prison may not be physical; it can be mental or emotional.

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THE LIFE PATH: THE MOON'S NODES

THE MOON'S NODES indicate the karmic purpose of the incarnating soul, and what that soul has been through in the past. The North Node is a challenge to break new ground and to grow out of the South Node, which indicates what is known and comfortable.

THE PATH OF DESTINY

The Moon's Nodes, often called the Dragon's Path, are complex astronomical points in space rather than physical bodies. They have a close karmic relationship with the Sun and the Moon. The Nodes form a natural opposition. At one end the South Node (or Dragon's Tail) is the gateway to the past; at the other the North Node (or Dragon's Head) is the door to the future. The North Node points to the path the soul must take on the present stage of evolution, the South Node to all that has gone before. The Nodes are the indicators of karmic purpose, a challenge to integrate the opposites and to grow.

The South Node is what has been sown, the karma of the past. It indicates survival strategies that have served the soul well in the past. The soul is comfortable with the South Node because it is known so well. The soul retreats there when challenged, and it would be wrong to move the soul totally into the North Node without taking all that is good and useful of the South Node along too. But there are aspects of the South Node that need to be eliminated.

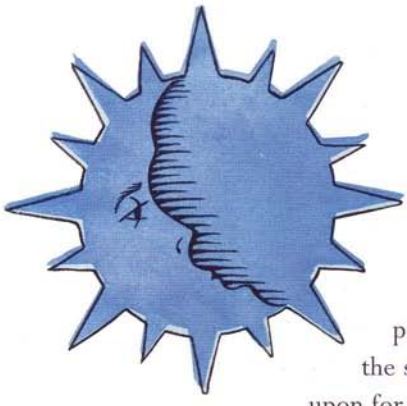
The North Node is where the soul must follow its destiny, the so-far untraveled way. It is the potential for the present life, the karma that can be sown for the future. Through the North Node, the soul takes responsibility for its own actions, moving in harmony with karmic purpose.

ASPECTS TO THE NODES

Planets that aspect the Nodes either pull the soul back into an old pattern (the South Node) or propel it forward into a new way of being (the North Node). If planets square the axis, then the planet may either help the integration of North and South, or can pull the soul apart as it tries to live out both ends separately. When planets conjunct the South Node, it can be like having a separate personality that lives within you, emerging from time to time. The personality comes from another life. If the aspecting planet is Saturn, the personality is fearful and dependent or authoritarian, for example. If Mars, it is brash and egotistical.

NODAL PLACEMENTS

If the North Node is placed in the same sign as the Sun, then there is great emphasis on developing the positive qualities of that sign. The soul's evolution is urgent, the purpose strong. If the South Node is placed in the same sign as the Moon, then it can be difficult to break out of the past pattern because the soul is deeply held by that pattern. Extra effort is needed. When the North Node is in



the same sign as the Moon, or the South Node in the same sign as the Sun, then it is important that the positive qualities of the sign are capitalized upon for the soul's evolution. The soul knows how to do this but the less constructive energies may hold it back.

The nodal interpretation can relate to the Houses in which the Nodes are situated and, to reach the deepest possible karmic understanding, both sign and House placement need to be considered.

☊ North Node in Aries/ First House

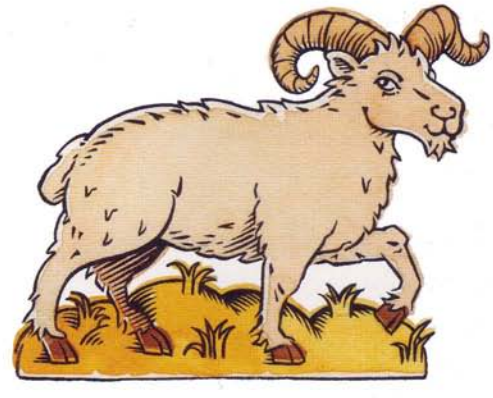
The soul's task is to develop the Self unselfishly. The person with this placement has to concentrate on finding his or her unique individuality and expressing this to the world. (With a First House Node, this is done through the sign on the Ascendant.) The challenge is to become centered around the Self, rather than self-centered or egotistical.

To compensate for over-adjustment to the needs of others in the past, the soul has to find a way of meeting the needs of the Self that also allows space for the needs of others—the art of creative compromise. This Node is developing self-confidence and competence. As part of this development, the soul recognizes the right to assert its needs. Having learned in other lives how to find balance and harmony in relationships, the soul can bring this skill forward into the present life.

- **Karmic purpose:** To develop the self unselfishly.

☋ South Node in Aries/ First House

With the South Node in Aries, the soul has already established a strong sense of Self, but may have over-developed the ego. This can be a bombastic and arrogant placement. The soul firmly believes "I know best." It can also be a selfish placement that slavishly follows its own desires. In the past, the soul will have been willful, sometimes in the extreme. The challenge is to let go of an egotistical way of approaching the world—too much emphasis on "me" and my needs—and move into a more Self-orientated approach that also encompasses the needs of others. The positive side of this Node is that Aries has great courage and can fight for a cause. The challenge is to harness that ability for the greater good of all.



☊ North Node in Taurus/ Second House

The soul's task is to develop inner security, to be centered in a piece of calm eternity within. To do this, the soul has to develop the ability to live within the body, utilizing inner resources to develop security from within, rather than relying on others and on the past. When the Node is in the Second House, the soul must draw on karmic resources and put them to work. This Node may also have to establish values on an eternal rather than a material level.

There is a need to experience the environment through the senses rather than the emotions—and to detach from emotional triggers that are based in the past. In that past the soul with this Node has played manipulative games and experienced great traumas and dramas. The challenge now is to have a steady evolution.

• **Karmic purpose:** To develop inner security.

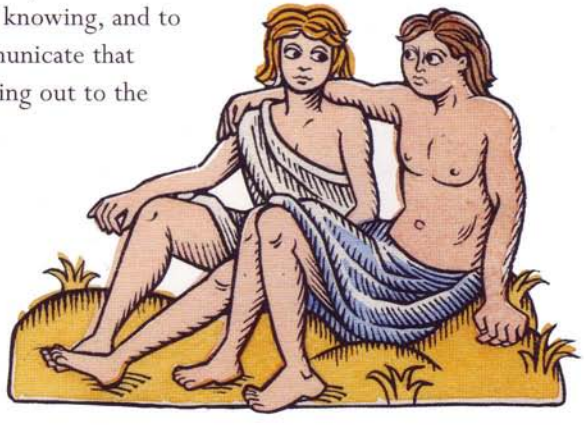
☋ South Node in Taurus/ Second House

The soul has to detach from all the things that have given security in the past: identity, possessions, relationships, etc. One of the lessons is not to look back. This is a soul that has been steeped in materialism and may well carry a karmic residue of possessiveness. The challenge is to find within that sense of inner security and serenity that cannot be shaken. This is a soul in search of spiritual rather than material treasure. The positive side of this Node is a deep instinct for survival and a knowledge of eternity.

This may also be the soul who has relied too heavily on the senses and the body, who has become strongly anchored into the material realm and who must now rediscover the spirit. However, the soul can use the sensuality of Taurus as a way of communing and sharing emotionally with another.

☊ North Node in Gemini/ Third House

This is the soul that is challenged to communicate itself, rather than what is believed, to allow the totality of the soul and all that has been learned through many incarnations to shine through. The task is to move beyond beliefs into an inner knowing, and to communicate that knowing out to the



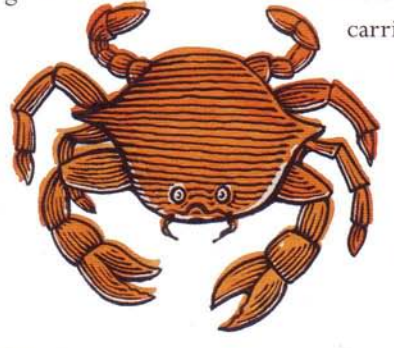
world. This soul can utilize a wider vision to process information, to see beyond mere facts, and to know things as they really are. This is an opportunity to develop mental abilities and the intellect as a way of perceiving and explaining the world, rather than as an end in themselves. Many souls with this placement learn to communicate by means of writing for an audience.

If the Node is in the Third House, then karma may have to be confronted with, or through, a sibling. There may be an outstanding debt to that sibling, a promise to keep, or a lesson to learn.

• **Karmic purpose:** To communicate who one is.

☋ South Node in Gemini/ Third House

This placement often indicates superficiality in the past, the kind of mind that gathers facts and information indiscriminately but still does not "know." This soul has placed great reliance on the mind and the intellect. Guile and deception may have been a feature of past lives. There will have been considerable experience of communication and teaching in other lives. The person with this Node may well have taught by preaching, rather than by doing. Now the challenge is to move into living what the soul believes, bringing mind and spirit together. The positive side of this Node is clear communication and self-expression.



☊ North Node in Cancer/ Fourth House

The task for this soul is nurturing and emotional give-and-take. This is the Node that has to act as social worker to the zodiac. The task is to parent beyond the immediate family, to nurture in the widest possible way, but without exhausting oneself in the process. Inner strengths can be used to support the Self, and to take responsibility for one's Self and one's family.

With the Node in the Fourth House, the soul may be dealing with karma through the family, the karmic purpose may involve the family, or there may be previous interaction with the family that can be harnessed toward the soul's growth.

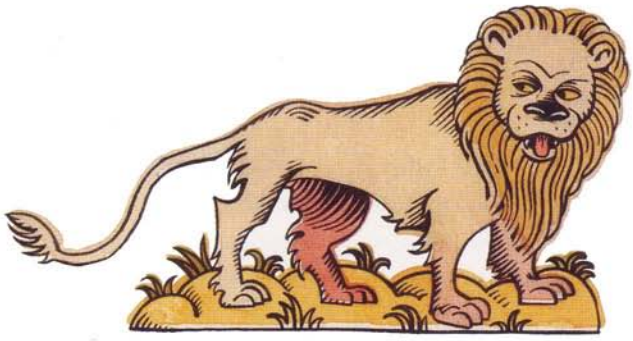
The Cancer–Capricorn nodal axis has the purpose of uniting male and female, masculine and feminine, anima and animus, god and goddess within the one soul. This is an enormous evolutionary jump toward wholeness and reunification with the divine.

• **Karmic purpose:** To nurture oneself and others.

☋ South Node in Cancer/ Fourth House

The soul with this Node must control excessive emotionality and possessiveness carried forward from other lives. This is a highly sensitive placement and the soul may carry self-pity for experiences in the past. The soul has been dependent in the past and now must learn independence. Letting go of the past is a major

lesson for the person with this Node. The tendency in the past may well have been to live life through children, but now the soul has to live for itself. The positive side of this Node is that the soul has learned to nurture and parent both itself and others.



☊ North Node in Leo/Fifth House

The task is to use power creatively, becoming empowered from the heart. Opening the heart is part of an ongoing lesson about power and how to use it without abusing it. The power here is personal—the soul has explored collective power in other lives. Part of the task entails taking power back from wherever, or whoever, it has been projected onto in the past, and owning it as one's own.

Leo is the creative sign and the soul needs to shift from creating at a biological level (such as having children) to a spiritual and mental creativity. The challenge for this Node is to solve the head–heart dilemma in which the soul asks whether it should do what the head thinks is correct or what the heart feels is right. When head and heart are aligned, the dilemma is solved.

• **Karmic purpose:** To become heart-centered and empowered.

☋ South Node in Leo/Fifth House

This soul has explored power at the personal level and may well have wielded that power purely for selfish purposes. The karmic issues center around "power-over" issues—power over other people and situations. This placement can indicate the dictator or the autocrat from the past. Power struggles and egocentric control of the group often feature in past lives. At its best it may be benevolent but the need now is to harness power to the collective good.

Overweening pride may be a feature of this Node and the soul may be challenged to practice humility and cooperation with the needs of the wider whole. The positive side of this Node is to have become heart-centered.

☊ North Node in Virgo/Sixth House

The task for this soul is to give discriminating service to humanity as a way of expressing universal love. The service has to be disinterested and altruistic. The challenge is to give without thought of reward or recognition, and also to know when to stop, when to recognize that it is appropriate to step away and let the other person help him- or herself. This soul is learning to detach and be objective. In the past, there has been enormous empathy, but the soul could well have been pulled into victim–martyr

scenarios because of lack of boundaries or the inability to say "No."

When the Node is in this placement, the soul is learning through a vocation or a health condition—which may or may not be personal.

• **Karmic purpose:** To serve from the heart.

☋ South Node in Virgo/ Sixth House

Virgo is a perfectionist, idealistic, and highly critical place for the South Node. The soul with this placement sets very high standards indeed, judges itself harshly, and needs to adjust expectations and ideals to more realistic levels. The soul may well sabotage efforts to grow through well-meaning but inappropriate messages that arise from former lives. The challenge for the soul is to keep the ability to discriminate and analyze that has been developed in other lives but to combine these with compassion.

This soul may well be stuck in a rut of servitude or servility, which is mistaken for true service. The positive Node knows how to serve from the heart and has developed the ability to say "No."

☊ North Node in Libra/ Seventh House

The task for this soul is to relate to others. The challenge is to incorporate other people's needs, adapting as necessary, but without repressing the soul's needs. The past pattern has been to be selfish and self-centered, seeing only one's own needs. There may be inherent willfulness from another life to overcome.

The danger is that personal needs will be submerged under the demands of others, creating a further imbalance. Now the soul has to learn cooperation and compromise.

When the North Node falls in the Seventh House, all relationships have karmic purpose and intent. Karma will be met through relationships, and partners of all kinds may well bring karmic issues forward to be dealt with in the present.

• **Karmic purpose:** To relate to oneself and others fairly and harmoniously.

☋ South Node in Libra/ Seventh House

This soul tends to have put the needs of others first, to the exclusion of its own needs. The soul has over-compromised and over-adapted and its needs to make themselves known vehemently, with great force. This is the "people-pleaser," who believes that being nice or being liked is preferable to being true to one's Self. This soul has frequently lost sight of its own right to develop in the way most appropriate to its own lessons and needs. However, an ability to smooth the way and find harmony with others can ease the soul's passage through relationships.

☊ North Node in Scorpio/ Eighth House

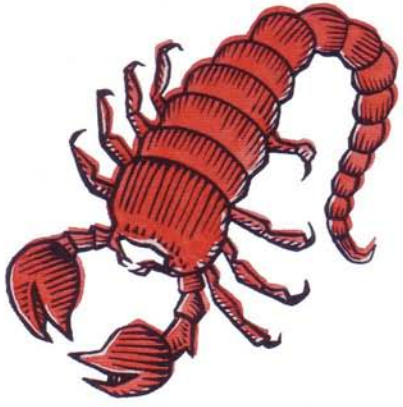
The task for this soul is to penetrate the places where other souls fear to tread, to go down into the depths. This placement has to confront all the taboo areas of life and to bring back from the depths insights for the soul's healing and that of others. Having penetrated the depths, this fearless soul can penetrate correspondingly higher levels of consciousness. This soul is here to master power; the lessons around abuse and misuse of power may be harsh but the soul who successfully masters power will never again have to suffer in this way.

Scorpio and the Eighth House are associated with sex, birth–death–rebirth. When the Node falls in the Eighth House, karmic evolution demands that the soul explores these areas. One of the challenges is to share resources with others and to avoid emotional possessiveness.

• **Karmic purpose:** Regeneration.

☋ South Node in Scorpio/ Eighth House

This soul is certain it will survive, no matter what. It has been down into the depths many times. It has experienced trauma, drama, and pain. Evolution has been difficult, raw, and challenging. It has occurred in great leaps, arising out of trauma and misuse of power. Emotional manipulation and abuse are common. The task is to move on, into calm, steady evolution, taking all the wisdom and mastery of power with it.



☊ North Node in Sagittarius/ Ninth House

This soul is on an eternal quest for meaning, asking all the great questions of life and looking for a philosophy to live by, a way to be. Indeed, the challenge is simply to be, rather than striving to become. The soul has to align with divine purpose and meaning.

• **Karmic purpose:** To seek the deeper meaning of life.

☋ South Node in Sagittarius/ Ninth House

This soul has been on a lives-long quest to find out who and what it is. It will have explored many philosophies and religions, and asked innumerable questions. This is the eternal student and the challenge is to stop, to stay still and hear the quiet voice inside that says "simply be." The positive side of this Node has answers to eternal questions.

☊ North Node in Capricorn/ Tenth House

The soul's task is to develop both inner and outer authority for itself. Rather than relying on teachers or authority figures from the past, the soul now has to direct the course of life from the Self. It is moving into the world of self-sufficiency and achievement. This is a placement that needs to find success through a career (the Tenth House). Once a secure foundation has been established in the material world, the soul moves on to develop spiritual strength. The soul with the Capricorn Node may well have incarnated with a task to complete for humanity, or feeling that it carries a burden on behalf of humanity.

• **Karmic purpose:** To develop inner and outer authority.

☋ South Node in Capricorn/ Tenth House

This soul has to release an emotional tight-fistedness that has its roots in other lives. It can have experienced difficulty expressing emotions or sharing them, especially within the family. In the past, it may have been a very cold disciplinarian, remote and cut off from family interaction. The challenge for the present life is to share oneself emotionally with others. The soul may also carry very strict and authoritarian parenting patterns that need to be released. Karma with the family is likely and much karma can be met through parenting and family life.

☊ North Node in Aquarius/ Eleventh House

This is the soul with an urge to be different, to change things. This farsighted placement wants to help humanity, to make a fairer and more equal world community. This is the natural rebel but the challenge is to find a way to bring change rather than revolution. There is a need to work through interaction with others, to learn cooperation and to avoid taking egocentric control of the group. In the past, this soul has worked with personal power, and the challenge now is to channel collective power for the good of the whole.

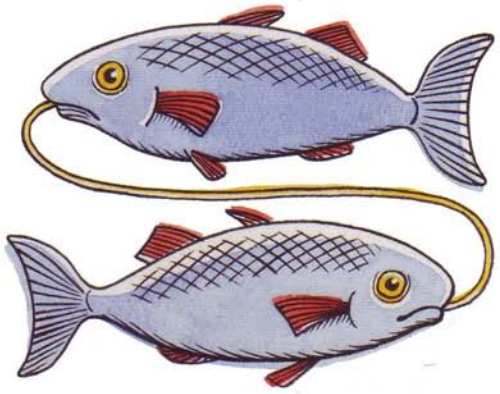
• **Karmic purpose:** To channel collective power wisely.

☋ South Node in Aquarius/ Eleventh House

Quirky, eccentric, and rebellious, this soul has tried to change things for many lifetimes. It may well have been caught up in collective movements that swept the world along, bringing revolution and change whether the world was ready or not. It is the social reformer with a vision of how things should be, the scientist who wants to make new technology, the planner who ushers in change. Society is seldom ready for Aquarius, and the soul with this Node may well have suffered at the hands of a society that misunderstood what was on offer. The challenge for this soul is to move with the times rather than getting too far ahead, bringing in social change gently to make a better world for all.

☊ North Node in Pisces/ Twelfth House

This is the soul with an urge to get off the karmic round. This soul seeks enlightenment. It wants to reach a state of grace. To do so, it may well have undertaken to deal with huge chunks of karma—its own and that of the collective. One of its most important lessons is detachment: too much sympathy and the soul gets pulled down into the mire once more; sufficient empathy and the soul can understand the suffering of others and at the same time work to release suffering wherever it is found.



The soul with this Node may be on the path of surrender to divine will. It may need to follow the flow, wherever that leads. In this case, its most important karmic tool is the discrimination already learned by the Virgo South Node. Without this, the soul can so easily suffer from self-deception or get pulled in to rescuer/savior/victim/martyr/persecutor scenarios.

• **Karmic purpose:** To reach enlightenment and move off the wheel of rebirth.

☋ South Node in Pisces/ Twelfth House

Savior/rescuer/martyr/victim/persecutor scenarios feature strongly in the past lives of the soul with a Pisces South Node. This soul has been seeking at-one-ment with the divine but has confused this with atonement. It is a Node of endless suffering, illusions, and self-deceptions. Now the soul is challenged to step out of these roles and into true relationship with the divine. The positive side of this Node is the ability to reach a state of grace and move beyond karma.

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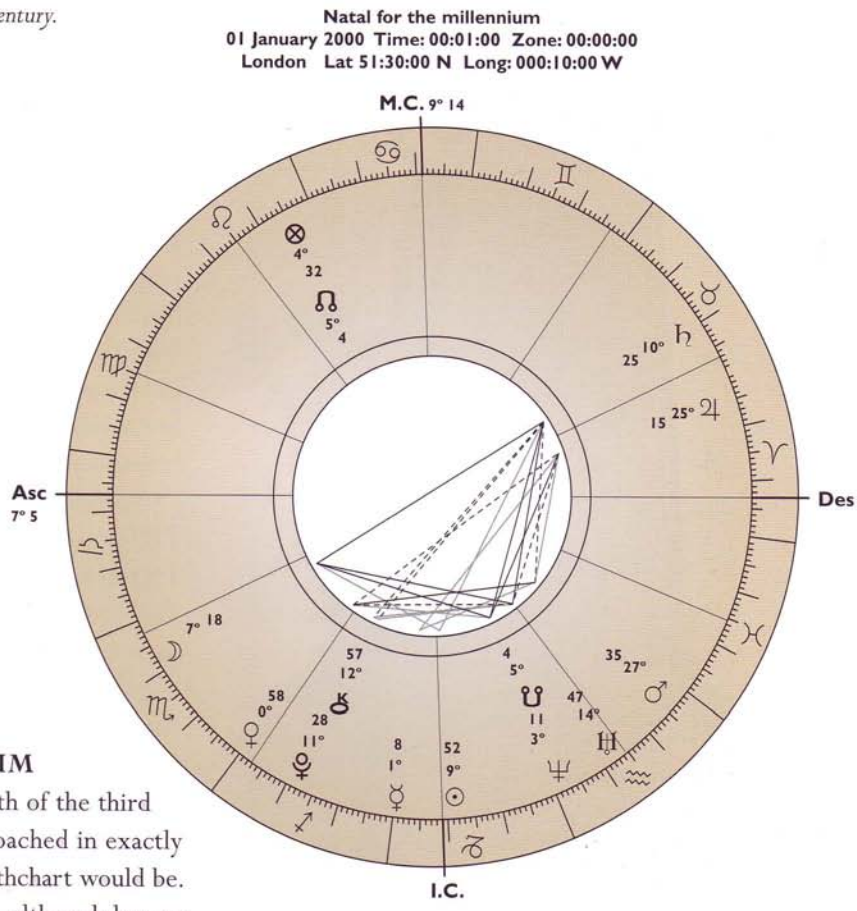
BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

WHEN BRINGING together all the factors in a chart to weigh up karmic implications, themes are supported by two or more indications. Apparent contradictions have to do with factors coming forward from different lives to be integrated.

The chart for the start of the 21st century.



THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

The examplar chart is the birth of the third millennium. This can be approached in exactly the same way as a personal birthchart would be.

The elements are balanced, although low on water. However, the Moon in the deepest and most intense water sign, Scorpio, compensates for this. A secretive Scorpio Moon has to heal emotional traumas of the past and use the insights gained to heal emotional pain in others. The Sun is in Capricorn, the sign of society, but is placed at the root of the chart. The challenge for Capricorn is to find inner authority and power rather than rigidly following what has been.

The emotional intensity of Scorpio pushes for release and healing, while Capricorn has an intense dislike of discussion of feelings. This is reflected in the opposition of Saturn to the Moon. If this was a person, there would be a conflict between extreme emotionality and need for control, with underlying feelings of inadequacy. However, as it is for a moment in time, two nations will probably play out the opposing forces.

A person born on this day would have to recognize when old emotions were triggered and to move into a more self-disciplined emotional expression. In the case of the third millennium, society may not want to know what another section of the community has suffered, but restitution will have to be made. The pain and suffering of natural disasters and the consequences of war could continue to make themselves felt until the world community accepts collective responsibility for the earth it inhabits. If this were a personal chart, that same dilemma would need resolution.

Saturn in reactionary Taurus is in a fixed square with Neptune conjunct the South Node in revolutionary Aquarius. The karma between two different ways of approaching spirituality is deep and old. It reflects the archetypal struggle of humankind for religious expression, a search that has paradoxically led to genocide, wars, and enforced religious conversion. The Neptune–Saturn "mystic–pragmatist" dilemma has to be solved for the security of the whole of humanity. It cannot be based on illusions of brotherhood (Aquarius) no matter how ideal. It has to be concrete and practical (Taurus).

THE PURPOSE OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

The Nodes of the Moon fall across the parental axis of the chart in Aquarius (past) and Leo (present). Neptune is conjunct the South Node, pulling the new century into an idealized or idealistic picture of brotherhood and revolution: an impractical illusion (Neptune). A practical solution must be found. The Saturn–Moon opposition squares the nodal axis with Saturn in the Eighth House questioning how collective resources are shared. Aquarius is about impersonal, collective power. The challenge is to move into heart-centeredness and personal empowerment (Leo). The task is to nurture (Fourth–Tenth House axis) without resorting to authoritarian parenting. In empowering everyone to take responsibility for themselves, and working together cooperatively (Libra Ascendant), the karmic purpose of the millennium could be fulfilled.

RESOLVING THE MYSTIC–PRAGMATIST DILEMMA

As the Ninth House of philosophy and religion is "empty," in order to see what karmic lessons the new millennium has around philosophy and religion, look at the cusp of the Ninth House—Gemini—and its ruler, Mercury, which falls in Capricorn in the Third House of communication. As Mercury has a positive contact with Jupiter, the planet of philosophy and religion, in the House of Relationships, there could well be a coming together of world religions, a finding of common ground, and overcoming misunderstandings from the past.

However, Capricorn and its ruler Saturn like to cling to the status quo, to the rules and structures of society, and fundamentalism could expand, bringing the dilemma to a head. The karmic challenge for the twenty-first century is to construct a world community that can encompass religious differences. When we look for another factor in the chart to support this, the Third House conjunction of Pluto and Chiron in Sagittarius with a karmic aspect to Saturn in Taurus, indicates a need to heal the fanaticism and rigidity of the past (Pluto). A movement away from the mass power of the old collective religions (Neptune in Aquarius conjunct the South Node) into a more heart-centered way of being empowered (North Node in Leo), is needed. As Jupiter can be the impetus for new religions, it could be that a new philosophy will sweep the world. Tyrant or liberator? Only time will tell.

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Past lives and childhood

In Childhood the soul reiterates and reinforces many karmic patterns, especially around self-worth and nurturing.

It meets the archetypal parents it has grown to expect, and may have the opportunity of moving out of deeply ingrained parental interaction.

KARMIC LESSONS IN CHILDHOOD

The First House shows the expectations with which the incarnating soul faces life in a physical body and the environment in which it finds itself (see pages 103–104). It may also indicate a soul who has chosen to have a particularly difficult childhood or who has taken on some kind of burden or responsibility in childhood. Issues of will and power make themselves felt in infancy, and then carry over into adult life. But such issues almost always have their roots in a past life.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTING

Outer planet aspects to the Sun and Moon show the kind of parenting you expect, and whether this will support you or not. Some souls have had good experiences with parenting, others have not. Such experiences affect the soul's self-image and confidence. When Chiron aspects the Sun or Moon, parenting has been deeply wounding and the soul has to heal the experiences of the past.

Aspects to the Moon from the outer planets also show specific emotional patterns that the soul has carried from life to life. These are instinctual, instinctive, ingrained reactions. They will make themselves known in childhood and may well involve the parents. (See also sections on The Moon and Interaspects.)

FAMILY KARMA

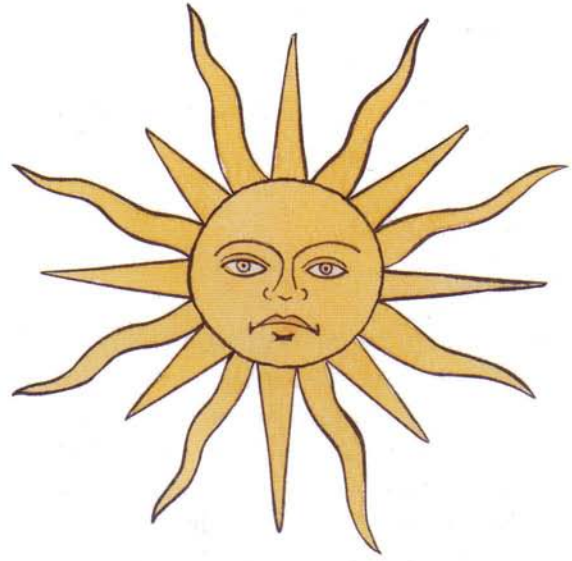
The Fourth–Tenth House axis of the chart shows karma with the family, and the type of family interaction into which the soul expects to incarnate. "Heavy" planets such as Saturn or Pluto indicate difficult karma, "easy" planets such as Jupiter indicate the expectation of good parenting. Pluto, especially in aspect to the Moon, may indicate an archetypal expectation of the "devouring mother" figure.

If the Sun or Moon falls in the Seventh House of the chart, then it is likely that the soul is changing its interaction with a parent. The past lives may have involved a sexual relationship with the parent, or, in the present life, the soul may take on being an emotional or surrogate partner to the parent rather than acting as a child.

With the Sun or Moon in the karmic Twelfth House, the interaction with the parent signified is old and deep.

SELF-WORTH AND SELF-IMAGE

The soul incarnates with a propensity toward a particular self-image. This has been built up over many lifetimes. Childhood experience may reinforce that experience or offer an opportunity to build a new self-image. The amount of confidence a soul has is directly linked to self-image and former life experiences. Some souls incarnate with the task of melding various self-images from different lives to find a picture of true worth—shown in several outer planet aspects to the Sun.



♃ ☉ Jupiter–Sun

The soul has a positive self-image (unless other factors indicate differently). However, in the past the soul might have suffered from an inflated sense of self-worth and may now be challenged to have a realistic perception of true value.

⚷ ☉ Chiron–Sun

The soul has a damaged self-image because of wounding experiences in former lives. In the present life, the impetus is toward integrating formerly rejected parts of the self.

♄ ☉ Saturn–Sun

In other lifetimes, the soul will have been valued not for who he or she intrinsically was, but for conforming to other people's expectations. The soul may also have had lives that other people judged "poor"—where there was lack of status, poverty, etc. In difficult aspect, the combination indicates that the incarnating soul suffers from lack of self-worth and low self-esteem and consequently has little confidence. The child may have a struggle to establish his or her own individuality. In easy aspect, poor self-image has been overcome but the soul will be challenged in the present life to strengthen the positive image.

♆ ☉ Neptune–Sun

The soul has difficulty in seeing its true worth. Ideals of perfection may have been so strong in the past that the soul feels unworthy simply because it has not achieved them. In the present life, the child may be idolized, a "chosen child," seen as perfect by the parents. A realistic expectation and achievable goals are called for.

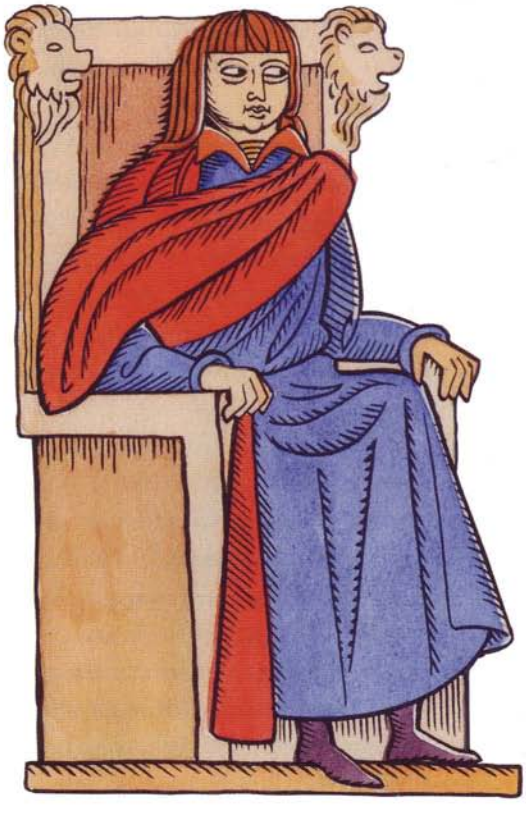
♇ ☉ Pluto–Sun

As the soul with Pluto-Sun contacts has the tendency to project all its power onto a powerful male, the self-image may be one of powerlessness. When the soul takes back that projection of power, and owns its own power,

the soul has a strong self-image and may well feel invincible—which can bring it into conflict with parents in childhood. The soul is challenged to maintain a positive self-image without falling into power struggles.

♄ ☿ Saturn–Mercury

The soul with these two planets in combination may have been criticized by others in the past, and could well have brought into the present incarnation a highly critical view of itself. This is especially so when combined with experience that has led the soul to think of itself as being not particularly bright or as having an inability to communicate (see page 92). This soul's task is to silence the inner critic that sabotages its efforts to grow.



FATHERING KARMA

Aspects to the Sun indicate the image of Father that the soul carries from life to life. It is the archetypal picture of what the soul expects. As the soul is "pre-programed," experiences that reinforce the picture tend to be noticed while those that are different are often disregarded. Part of the challenge is for the soul to find a new expectation.

♄ ☉ Saturn–Sun

The expectation here is of cold and stern fathering. There may be a parent who is absent, physically or emotionally, or a lack of affection. The father may also be much older. The experience of father is often one of disapproval unless the child conforms to rigid behavior patterns. The challenge for this soul is to father itself.

♆ ☉ Neptune–Sun

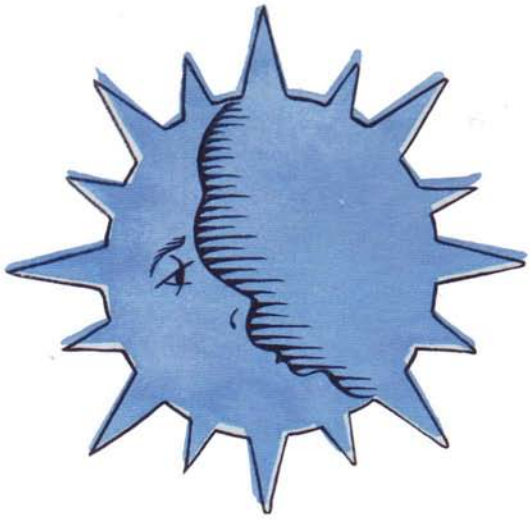
The karma here is one of over-idealization. The child expects the father to be wonderful—and indeed the father often appears to be so until he melts away when the child needs support. The father may be weak, unreliable, and dependent—to the extent that the child ends up fathering the father. The challenge is to see through the idealization to reach the father who is, rather than the one who is fantasized.

♅ ☉ Uranus–Sun

The soul has a picture of unpredictable, unstable fathering. A father who comes—and who goes. The father is a free spirit, or a man who has great difficulty in taking responsibility for, and committing to relationship with, the child. The father may be physically present, but wish to be elsewhere. The child is challenged to find a new image of father.

♇ ☉ Pluto–Sun

The karma here is around power and symbiosis. The soul carries an image of an all-powerful, authoritarian father, one with the power of life and death over the child. Projections of power are common, the child failing to recognize its own power. These expectations are carried into adulthood, with the father remaining a very powerful figure in the inner psyche unless that projection of power is taken back.



MOTHERING KARMA

Aspects to the Moon indicate the image of Mother that the soul carries from life to life. It is the archetypal picture of what the soul expects. As the soul is "programed," experiences that reinforce the picture tend to be noticed and those that are different are often disregarded. Part of the challenge is for the soul to find a new expectation.

♃ ☽ Jupiter–Moon

The fortunate soul with Jupiter–Moon contacts has experienced some excellent mothering. It has been supported and urged to grow in past lives. Now it incarnates expecting the kind of supportive parenting that will allow it to live life in the best way possible for its evolution.

⚷ ☽ Chiron–Moon

This soul carries a wound around mothering and being mothered. The mother may have been torn away in a past life, or the child may have had to be abandoned. The challenge in the present life is both to mother oneself and to heal the expectations of wounding by creating a healthy relationship with your own mother and with your children.

♄ ☽ Saturn–Moon

With Saturn–Moon aspects the soul has received poor mothering in the past. The soul was loved conditional on conforming to the family norm. There may have been coldness and indifference, illness and poverty, death and separation early in life. The challenge now is to mother yourself, or to link to the divine mother and be nurtured from there.

♅ ☽ Uranus–Moon

This soul has experienced unstable or unpredictable mothering in the past. The mother cannot be relied upon, throwing the child inward onto his or her own resources. This can make for a very independent soul, but it can also lead to difficulties in forming relationships.

♆ ☽ Neptune–Moon

This combination indicates an idealized or idealistic picture of mother, an illusion that may prove false and lead to great disillusionment. It can also indicate closeness between mother and child that operates on a nonphysical level. This may be beneficial to the child, but it can also make for a dependent child, depending on the soul's previous experience.

♇ ☽ Pluto–Moon Aspects

This aspect indicates powerful karma around mothering and being mothered. This soul has experienced "smother love," where the psychic umbilical cord remained tight. There is a peculiar intensity about Pluto aspects that doesn't let you off lightly. In other lives the soul will have experienced abandonment, rejection, persecution, and the archetypal figure known as "the devouring mother." The expectation now is that being mothered is likely to involve symbiosis, power struggles, and a desire on the mother's part to live out her unlived life through her child.

The soul will probably have experienced difficulty in being born—there is usually great ambivalence about coming into incarnation again. Death may be attached to

birth—either personal death or the emotional trauma of the death of a child coming forward from another life as a soul memory.

Associated emotional patterns could well surface with great intensity during childhood and into adulthood. If you are now a woman with a Pluto–Moon aspect, these difficulties may have carried over as a "body memory," resulting in PMS, or a difficult pregnancy, or problems in conceiving. You may also experience abandonment and rejection, or fear these things because of memories from the past.

If you are a man in your present incarnation, you are most likely to experience the mothering difficulties associated with this aspect as the "devouring mother," who finds it very hard to cut the psychic umbilical cord and who may well try to control and act as an emotional partner.

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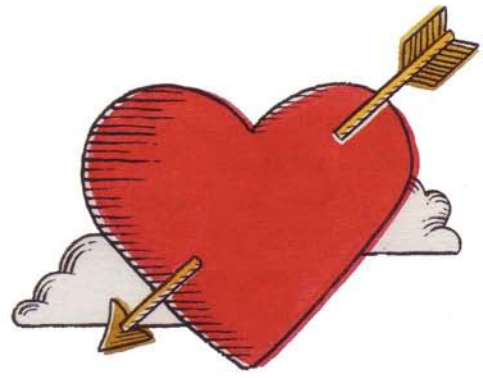
PAST LIVES AND RELATIONSHIPS

YOUR PAST LIVES show themselves strongly in your relationships. The people you meet, the circumstances in which you relate, the kind of marriage or other relationship that you have, all reflect karma and previous interaction.

The planetary contacts across two charts show both the karma and the previous connections between the people concerned.



KARMIC CONTACTS

A soul will often attract a partner with whom there has been previous contact and with whom there is unfinished business. Promises have to be kept, reparation may be needed, breaking away may be called for. The connection and the reason for coming back into incarnation together, is laid out in the interaction between the two charts (see pages 132–133).

PERSONAL OR GENERAL?

If an interaspect (see pages 132–137) goes one way from an outer planet in one chart to a personal planet in the other, this is an issue that may arise or which both happen to be working on but it was not created by the two people concerned. If the aspect is repeated by each personal planet aspecting the same outer planet in the other chart, it is personal and was created by the two people concerned. One-way aspects act as a rehearsal for dealing with the big issue. Both-way aspects are that issue. The general has become the specific.

EXPECTATIONS AROUND LOVE

The soul attracts to itself relationships and situations that mirror the expectations it has around love (see pages 94–95). So, a soul carrying the expectation that "love hurts" will often have early relationships that "prove" exactly that. Someone carrying the expectation that he or she doesn't deserve to be loved may fall into a marriage that is cold and unfeeling. Where a soul is following a pattern of projecting power onto a partner (see pages 96–97), the old pattern reestablishes itself. But it is not only in love relationships that karmic expectations intervene. This tendency may attract an authoritarian employer. Many work-related issues are really those of relationship.

SOULMATES

The idea of a soulmate, or twin soul, was set out by the Greek philosopher Plato in the Symposium. He describes ecstatically happy beings with one body, two heads, and four arms and legs, beings that were naturally complete in themselves and, seemingly, invincible. The overwhelming pride of the race to which these beings belonged caused them to attack the gods. As a punishment, Zeus, head of the gods, split them in half, forcing them to spend the rest of their lives yearning for their missing half. This is the archetypal search for the other half: the quest for the soulmate. Many people yearn for a soulmate who will make them feel complete.

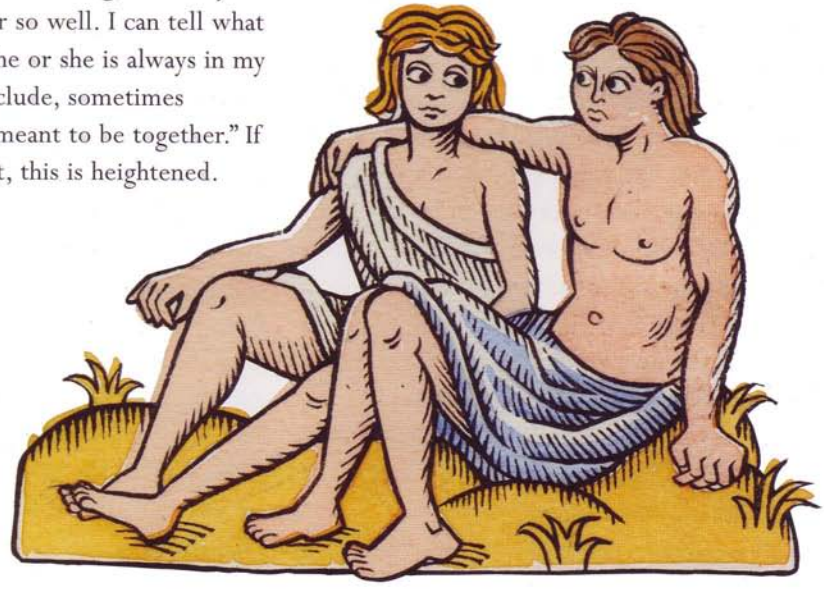
SOULMATE ASPECTS

Perhaps the greatest karmic challenge arises in relationships that appear to be a soulmate connection. Knowingly or unknowingly, the soul is seeking its "other half," someone who makes it feel whole and complete. But illusions and delusions are rife—and so is karma. A person may feel like a soulmate, and yet want nothing to do with you. The greatest delusion is that there is only one soulmate. There can be many. A soulmate is frequently a companion from the past who is helping the soul learn a difficult lesson. It would perhaps be better to refer to this companion as a soul partner. The soul contract is set out across the charts.

When the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, or Neptune connect with the South or North Node, or when Venus contacts Neptune, across two charts the relationship may well feel like soulmates. The soul will say "This is the person I have been searching for all my life. I know him or her so well. I can tell what he or she is thinking, he or she is always in my head." And it will conclude, sometimes erroneously, "We are meant to be together." If the interaspects repeat, this is heightened.

With North Node interaspects, or Venus contacting Neptune (especially when the interaspects repeat both ways, see page 132) the relationship triggers your karmic purpose for the present life or acts as a challenge to unconditional love, and could well indicate a soul partner you have been with for many lives.

However, with South Node interaspects, while you feel very close, you are learning to let go. The soul partner has to move on. If this is the case, it is likely to be a difficult and painful process. You are learning that a "soulmate" is not necessarily a once and for all "other half." It is particularly painful when, as can happen, the "other half" doesn't even recognize you in the present life. This is a challenge not to yearn for what might have been but to look out for your next soul partner who will have something new to teach you, fresh potential to explore.



The relationship Houses

The Seventh and Eighth Houses show how you give and share yourself within a relationship and the karma that relationship holds.

THE SEVENTH HOUSE

This House sets out your track record in the past, and the issues you have to work on now. It covers all aspects of relationship: lovers, marriage, business, and open enemies.

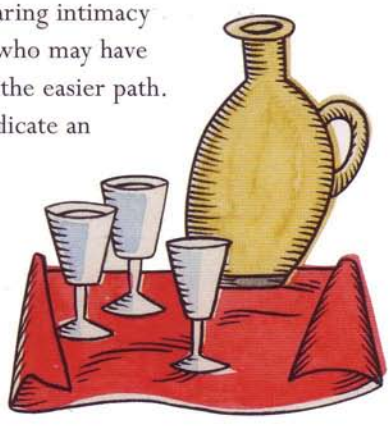
Saturn in the Seventh, for instance, works on relationship debts: there is karma between partners. Freedom-loving Uranus is the commitment-phobic planet. It indicates past difficulties in committing fully to a relationship—and present life relationships may need a lot of space. This is the aspect of divorce because one partner grows and the other doesn't, necessitating a change if the soul is to continue to develop.

If Neptune is placed here, you searched for perfect love and you may well have suffered from illusions and delusions in the past. Jupiter may indicate that you have learned how to have good relationships, but may also indicate old excess or self-indulgence. If Pluto sits here, you will reap the repercussions of ancient power struggles. Mars is more straightforward aggression, indicating that the battles may have been personal or group-orientated.

With Mercury, there is communication karma around relationships, so misunderstandings could well arise. When sensuous Venus makes herself known, the karma is around a past interaction. With the Sun or Moon in this House, the present life partner may have been a past life parent; or the present life parent may have been a past life partner. Either way, confusions may arise as to who is parenting whom.

THE EIGHTH HOUSE

This house shows how you give and share yourself with others, and what you inherit from them. When Uranus is placed in the Eighth House it often indicates old ambivalence and ambiguity around sexuality and gender. The soul may have changed gender between lives, or have chosen to explore different modes of expressing sexuality. Uranus here can also indicate the commitment phobic who has difficulty in sharing intimacy with another, and who may have chosen celibacy as the easier path. Saturn here can indicate an old vow—perhaps of celibacy or fidelity—that is difficult to break away from.



INTERASPECTS

Interaspects are contacts planets make across two charts. When looking at the relationship from the karmic perspective, it is outer planet aspects to inner planet aspects that are important. If the aspects repeat both ways, then the karma is personal to the two people concerned. If the aspects go one way only they are not repeating past experiences.

How to find interaspects

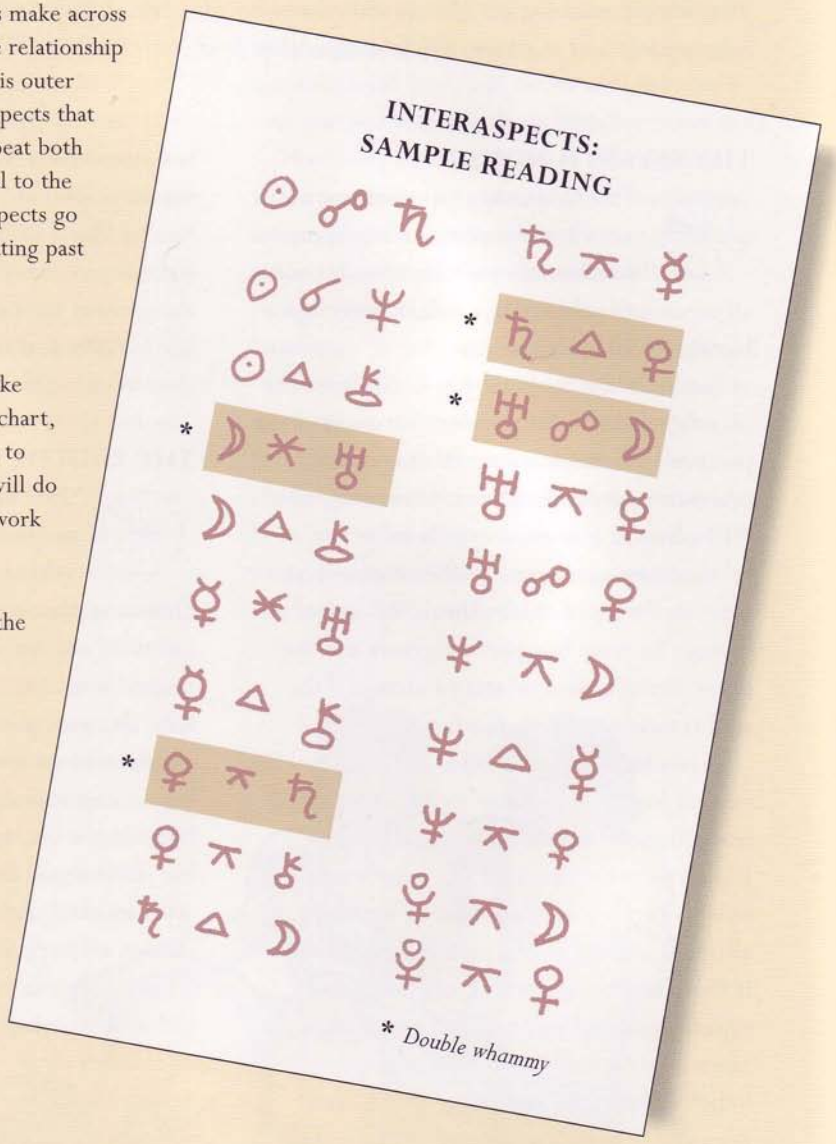
Finding interaspects is exactly like finding the aspects on the natal chart, except that you have two charts to consider. Computer programs will do this quickly, but you can easily work it out for yourself.

1 Look at the degree in which the Sun falls on one chart.

2 Then look at the degrees in which all the outer planets (Saturn through to Pluto) fall on the other chart.

3 If any of the planets fall within 8° either side of the Sun-degree, write them down.

4 Do the same for the Moon, Mercury, and Venus.



Hand-calculated interaspects for Charts A and B on page 135. (See pages 136–137 for computer-calculated lists.)

5 Then take the Sun, Moon, Mercury, and Venus degrees on the other chart.

6 Look at the degrees in which the outer planets fall on the first chart.

7 If any of these planets fall within 8° either side of the Sun, Moon, or Venus degree, write them down.

8 Now go down the lists and put a cross where the Sun, Moon, Mercury, or Venus in one chart aspects an outer planet in the other chart and the Sun, Moon, or Venus in the other chart aspects the same planet in the first chart. This is known as a "double whammy interaspect."

9 Finally, note whether the Sun, Moon, Venus, Saturn, Chiron, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto aspect the Nodes across the charts.

Double whammy interaspects indicate karma that is personal to the two people concerned. They have been together before and have incarnated again to continue working on this karma.

Interaspects that only appear once in the list are karma that is not personal to the two people concerned. They may both be working on the same kind of karma and have got together to help each other. One-way interaspects can also indicate karma-in-the-making that can arise in the present life.

The main karmic expectations around love

Love hurts	Chiron–Venus aspects
I don't deserve love	Saturn–Venus aspects
I don't need love	Uranus–Venus aspects
Love has to be perfect	Neptune–Venus aspects
There will never be enough love	Pluto–Venus aspects

Sample Reading

"Love hurts" meets "I want to be free"

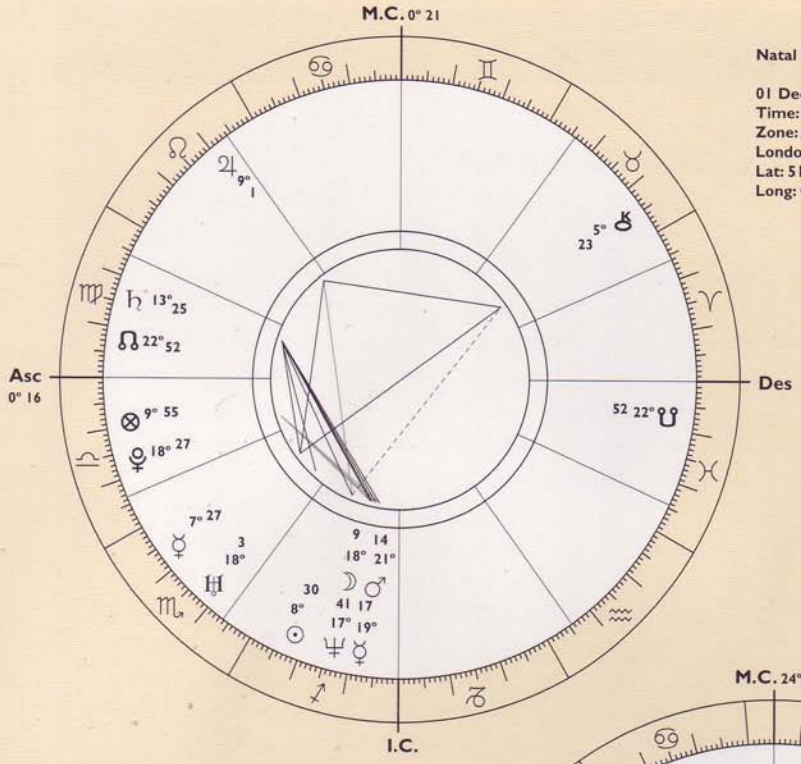
Chart A shows a woman carrying forward the expectation that "love hurts" and a deep wound to do with relationships shown by Chiron opposite Venus. She is seeking a relationship with someone (Chart B) who is ambivalent about entering into relationship. His Venus and the Moon inconjunct Uranus aspect demands emotional freedom; he believes that he does not need love while at the same time he has romantic notions and enormous idealization around love shown by Venus and the Moon inconjunct Neptune.

His tendency will be to put the woman he adores onto a pedestal, to worship and idolize her, but to be disillusioned when she acts as the sensual woman he seeks—symbolized by his Venus in Taurus—even though he may meet passion with passion. This is especially so since her Venus is in the deeply passionate and erotic sign of Scorpio which has powerful emotional and sexual needs of its own.

The interaspects (see page 136) between their charts show that this is not the first time they have been in relationship. The repeating, "double whammy" interaspects of Venus to Chiron and Saturn point to old pain and a relationship based on duty, and Uranus to the Moon to an old freedom–commitment dilemma. This may have been the man who caused her pain—probably by his need to be free and his commitment phobia. And yet the Saturn to Venus interaspects show that they have the potential to have a committed relationship and to heal the pain of the past. At least one person in this relationship feels that they owe the other person something, that they have a debt or duty.

As her South Node conjuncts his Sun, she may well feel that this is her soulmate. He could have come back into incarnation with her to help her heal her wounds. But then again, the relationship could reinforce her worst fears. She, through her South Node, is what he is striving to become. With Jupiter conjunct his North Node, she could have much to teach him, and yet their charts have little in common other than that past life pain.

Both have free will in respect of how they meet their karma; however, this does not look like it will be a smooth, lifelong relationship.



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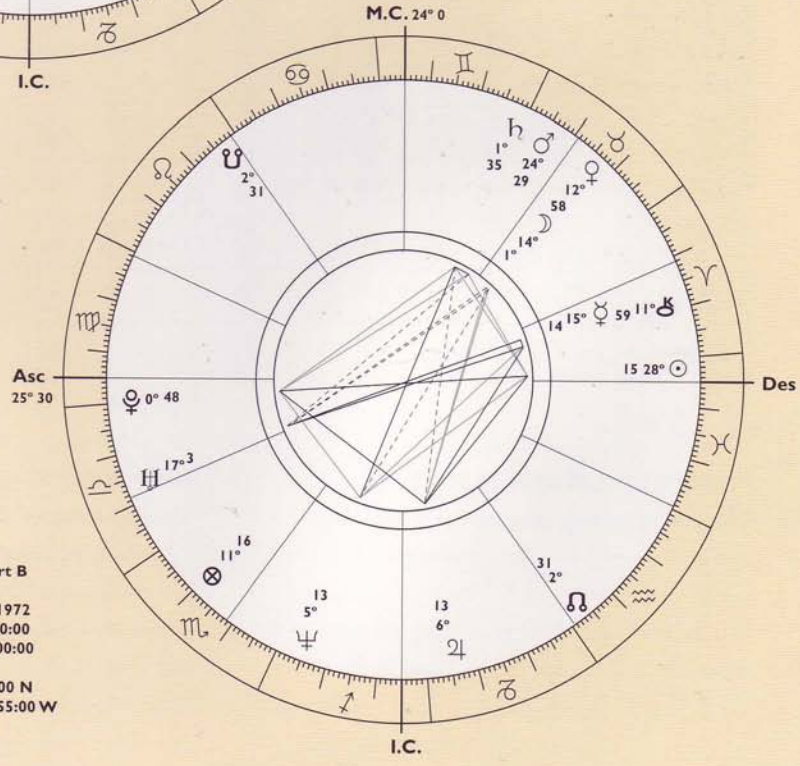

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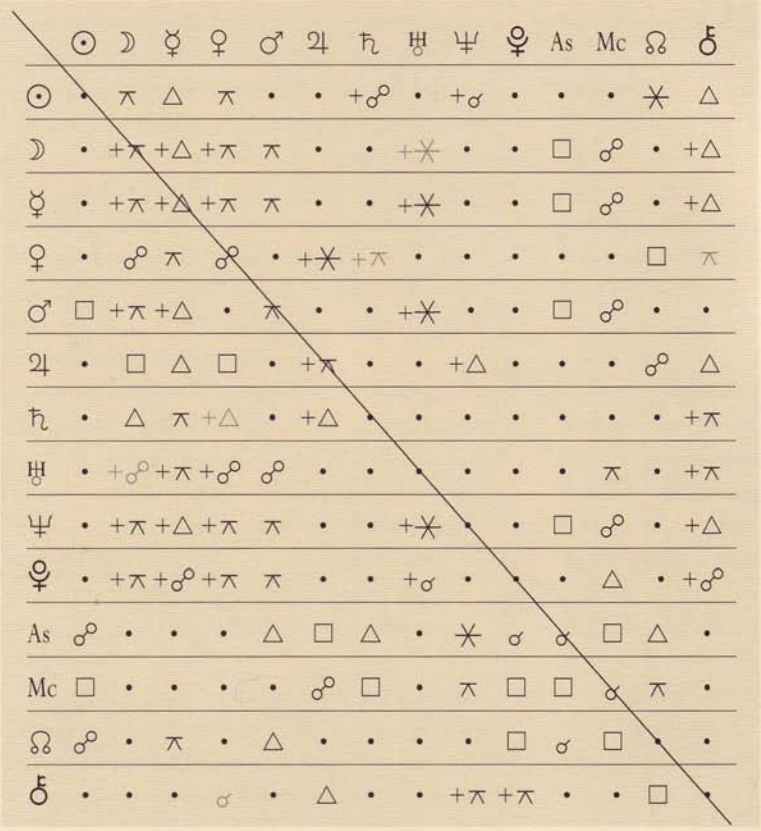
DIRECT COMPARISON OF NATAL CHARTS A & B



Synastry Grid for Natal Charts A and B (shown on previous page).

Presentation of interaspects

Computers present interaspects in two ways: as a grid (above) or a list (opposite):

- In the grid, one chart runs along the top and the other down. Interaspects are found in the upper and/or lower triangle. Those in both are repeating "double whammy" interaspects.
- In the lists, planets are compared left and right and repeating interaspects are found under each planet involved, as for example, with the Moon and Uranus.

INTERASPECTS

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Key

• *One-way karmic aspect*

x *Two-way karmic aspect*

The karma of interaspects

Once you have identified the interaspects between charts, you can quickly see the type of karma you have with the other person. Remember that either person in the relationship can live out the tendencies embodied in either of the planets in interaspect.

PLUTO INTERASPECTS

Pluto contacts concern power and symbiosis. With all Pluto contacts to the personal planets, there is a strong possibility that in the past the two souls were so entwined that, eventually, one had to leave in order to be able to breathe. Now, in the present life, the challenge is to have intimacy without smothering, relationship without possession. Each soul has to own its own soul, not hand it over to the other.

♇ ☉ Pluto–Sun

When Pluto aspects the Sun, the issue is of projection of power. With one-way interaspects, one partner is likely to project power onto the other in the present relationship. Both partners could also be projecting their own power and allowing the other partner equal power, so that in the future projections of power can be retrieved from wherever the soul has placed them.

With two-way "double whammy" interaspects, one person has given away power to the other person in the past. The relationship need not be one of "love." It is common between employer and employee, husband and wife, master and servant. Now the task is to take back that power, to become empowered as an equal member of the partnership. This can be particularly challenging when the interaspect occurs in a work-related context or between husband and wife. The person holding the power tends to put pressure on the "powerless" person to remain that way. The soul has to be strong to own its own power.

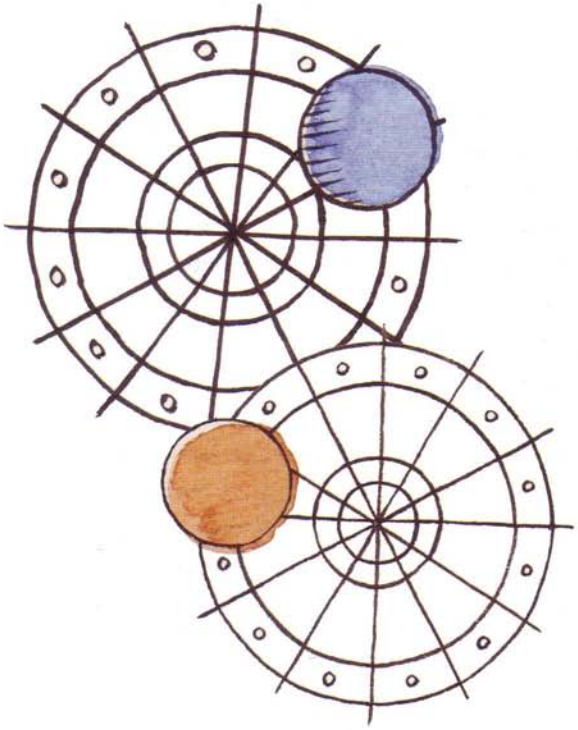
♇ ☽ Pluto–Moon

With one-way interaspects the danger is that one partner can act as "mother" to the other, or project issues that more properly belong to that partner's relationship with the mother into the relationship with the partner. With two-way interaspects, it is possible that this is an old mother–child relationship coming forward into the present. However, it could well be souls who have karma around abandonment and rejection in the past. When this interaspect occurs between mother and child in the present life, the issues have to be reworked so that the child cuts the psychic umbilical cord. When it occurs between partners, a new way of interacting must be found. With issues of abandonment coming forward, one partner might be afraid of stating personal and intimate needs for fear of rejection. The underlying power struggle must be addressed.

♇ ♀ Pluto–Venus

There is such a deep, desperate need for love with this aspect that one partner may well appear to be needy and demanding. But both partners actually have this issue, it is just that one partner plays the needy, dependent role and the other the power-over role. This interaspect is an enormous challenge to love without possessing, manipulating, or demanding. Letting go may well be part of the task.

With the double whammy interaspect, the partners could have been in a relationship in the past where one had total control over the other, a situation that occurs with "master" and "slave" as well as husband and wife. The "love" may be abusive, collusive, dependent, or all-consuming. Old patterns of manipulation may need to be overcome.



NEPTUNE INTERASPECTS

Neptune interaspects are idealistic and perfectionist. They can be deeply spiritual, indicating a soul-bond and a promise made at soul level. Neptune "debts" are those of love, going beyond duty or reparation. They may also be illusory and deceptive. The souls are very close, the boundaries diffuse and ill-defined. They feel part of the same whole—and may well come from the same soul group. Telepathy is common (particularly with Neptune–Mercury interaspects), with each knowing what goes on in the other's head. However, the lesson for the present life may be to live separately—a painful prospect for Neptune.

♆ ☉ Neptune–Sun

This feels like a soulmate connection, even with one-way interaspects. When the interaspects are double whammy the souls have probably been together life after life in close relationship. Each soul knows how the other thinks and feels—and may expect that, because the other soul has always been a certain way, that will continue in the present life. But, of course, in the present life the soul has put on a new personality, so the expectations may not always be realized. Each-way interaspects can indicate a deep soul-bond that is suffocating and needs to be severed. This is difficult as this bond carries on when the two people are physically separate. It operates at the mental, emotional, and spiritual level and has to be cut on all those levels if the souls are to exist independently.

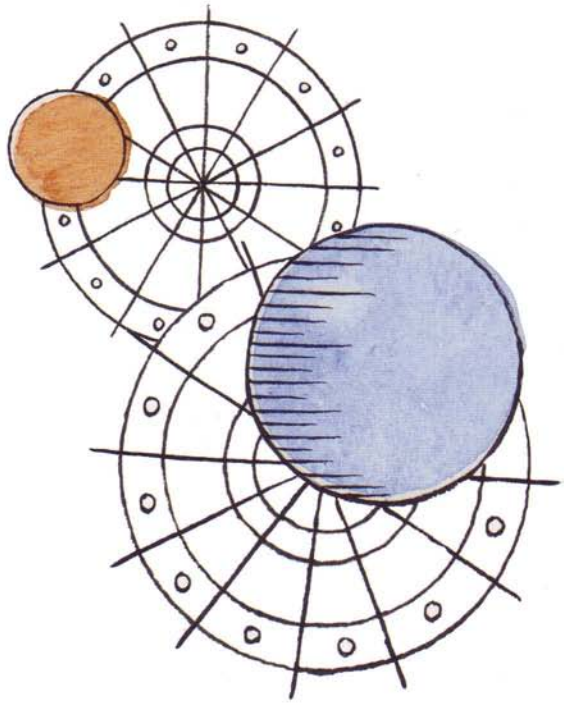
The interaspects can also indicate souls who have come back into incarnation for a spiritual purpose, or so that one soul can support the other. This brings up issues of how much "help" is appropriate, and when it would be more appropriate to step back and allow the other soul to learn the lesson, no matter how hard.

♆ ☽ Neptune–Moon

With this interaspect there may well be an idealized picture of the female. Men can carry high expectations of "purity" with this contact, and project that onto the women in their life. Confusing relationships often result from this contact, as libido and lust have little place in a romantic Neptunian relationship. As a result, the relationship may appear to be close and loving, and yet have blocks around sexual contact. As with all Neptune interaspects, there is little boundary between the parties and feeling can be passed between the two without speaking. As the Moon is so much a part of the past, the lesson for souls with this interaspect may be to separate, however painful that may be.

♆ ♀ Neptune–Venus

This interaspect is a challenge to love the partner unconditionally, while at the same time maintaining space and a sense of self that allows no violation of boundaries. The tendency is to allow anything and everything, to be walked all over, if necessary, because that is what passes for unconditional love. The challenge is to find true unconditional love.



The past pattern may have been of collusion and deception, but this is by no means always so. It may have been one of idolization and idealization, a beloved placed on a pedestal. There can be enormous soul love between the parties, especially with the double whammy contact. If this contact is supported by Saturn interaspects to ground it in reality, then it has every chance of success. If it is not, it may remain a beautiful dream or an unattainable fantasy. Couples with Neptune–Venus often forget to do the between-life planning clearly. They want to be together but somehow find that they are married to someone else. When the interaspect is one way, one person may yearn for the other and yet be met with coldness and lack of interest.

URANUS INTERASPECTS

Uranus interaspects have to do with freedom–commitment and intimacy dilemmas. The past interaction shown between Uranus and the Sun, Moon, or Venus contacts in particular relates to intense, passionate, but sporadic sexual encounters. Uranus interaspects can also relate to a couple who have had difficulty sustaining a close, intimate relationship. The scenario could be one of coldness and "separation" in an arranged marriage or the extreme independence of one party. In some instances, Uranus interaspects, especially with Mercury, could relate to two friends from another life who did not venture into a "love" relationship.

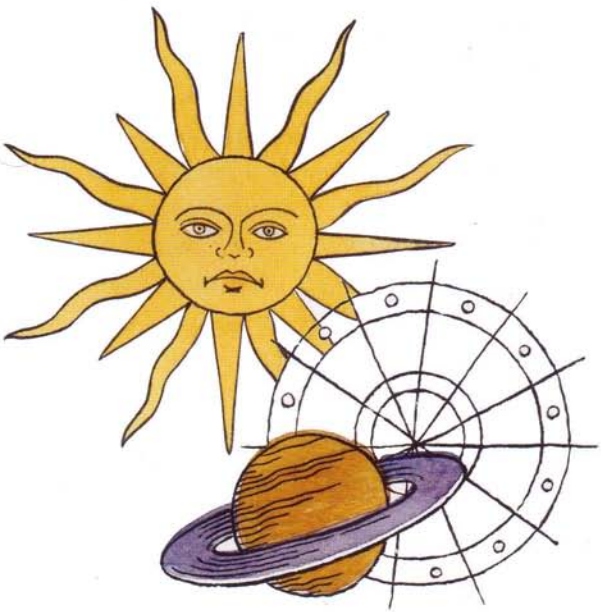
In the present life, the couple with these interaspects faces the challenge of being two individuals who come together in a committed, close, and loving relationship but who allow each other the space to be themselves. The intention may, however, have been to let go of the other person, finally separating and moving on to new things. If the interaspect arises between parent and child, then the parent has to learn to let the child live his or her own life.

SATURN INTERASPECTS

Saturn interaspects are about debts, duties, and promises. When Saturn aspects the personal planets it feels as though there is a soul-debt and a corresponding desire to see things through, to do all that is necessary. There may be an old promise such as "I'll always look after you/be there for you," which may, or may not, be appropriate to have carried forward into the present life. There may also be the feeling that "I owe this person my life, I will do all I can to help them." This can become a heavy chore. Saturn finds it difficult to let go not of the person but of the need to learn the lesson. On the positive side, relationships do not last without Saturn. It is the glue that holds a relationship together.

♄ ☉ Saturn–Sun

This combination indicates that the two souls have made a commitment. They have agreed in the between-life state to work on a lesson together. When the interaspect goes both ways, an old issue is still being resolved. What keeps the souls together, and working things through, is a sense that "we have to do this," or "I owe it to him or her." The soul feels that its support is vital to the other person.



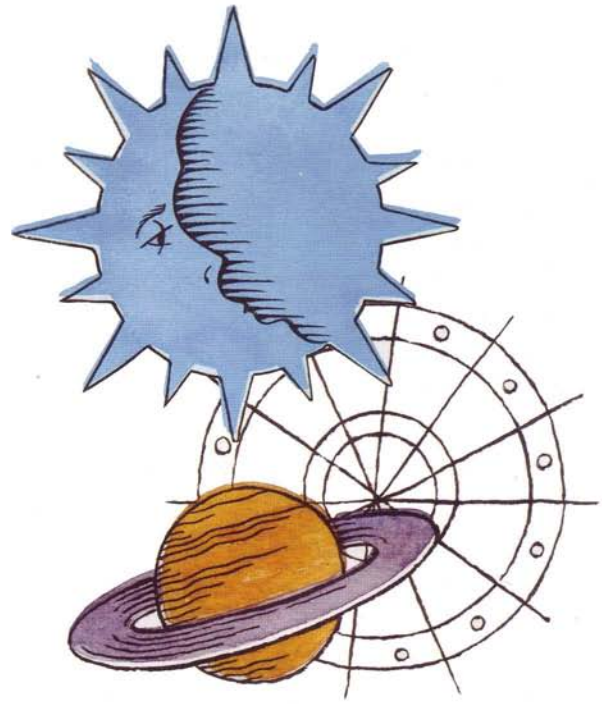
One person in this partnership will feel responsible for the other—although this role can interchange as the incarnation develops. It is often seen between parents and children, or in relationships where one person becomes sick or incapacitated. Some heavy karma from the past may be involved, but it is equally likely that this is a case of loving someone enough to help them learn some hard lessons.

In situations where the interaction is particularly difficult, it may well be that an old vow or promise has carried over inappropriately. In such a case, the ties need to be cut and the promise reframed in a more appropriate way. The soul could be learning that caring about someone is not the same as caring for them. Where a parent and child are involved, while the relationship can be supportive for the child, there can also be the experience of being valued for what he or she achieves and pressure to live out the parent's desires. The child may have a struggle to break free and express his or her own potential.

The double whammy interaspect can indicate a past situation where one soul has been in authority over the other. The souls may have decided to balance this out and reverse the roles in the present incarnation. On the other hand, the old roles may be played out again and again until something intervenes to change them.

♄ ☽ Saturn–Moon

The emotional contact between two souls with this combination can be depressive and heavy, or supportive and caring. It all depends on the previous incarnation. If one soul feels that it is



the other's duty to care for it, then the interaction will be difficult. If both souls feel that they want to love and support each other, then it will be constructive.

All the Saturn issues of duty and dependency come up with this interaspect but souls will handle them very differently according to karma and past experience. How much planning was done in the between-life state is also relevant here. If the souls discussed things, planned carefully and gave assurances to each other, then although some difficult tasks may be taken on, the souls will feel that they want to be together and help each other. If, however, the planning was sloppy, or omitted, then one soul can feel trapped by the other. The ability to laugh at oneself helps to deal with this interaspect.

♄ ♀ Saturn–Venus

A heavy duty combination, but one that can lead to a long and stable partnership because the souls are deeply committed to each other. However, there can be issues around love and duty that lead to the souls staying in a relationship simply because they feel they must. A promise to "love, honor, and obey for eternity" may have to be rethought.

The souls can also be working on finding intimacy and commitment (this is especially so when combined with Uranus–Venus interaspects) to compensate for past coldness, or be stuck in a pattern of lack of love with an emphasis on duty or security. They could be bringing forward issues from a loveless marriage to rework. When the souls do find deeply committed love, the relationship tends to bring great satisfaction.

♄ ☿ Saturn–Mercury

One person's mind could well have been overwhelmed by Saturn, leading to situations where one soul is constantly criticized or mentally bullied by the other. This can occur in relationships involving parent and child, teacher and pupil, guru and disciple, or employer and employee. The challenge now is for both souls to develop independent minds, accepting each other's need to grow and learn in their own way.

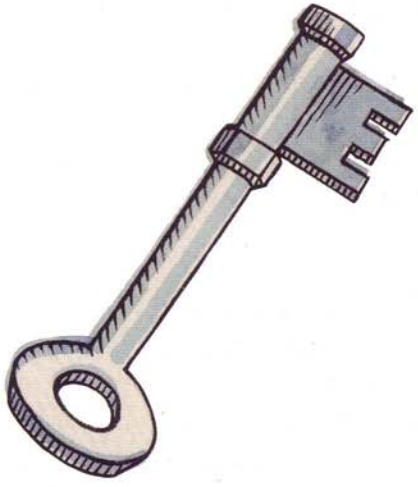
♄ ♂ Saturn–Mars or ♇ ♂ Pluto–Mars

Issues of will and power arise with these interaspects. Both aspects can have been quite abusive in the past. One person will be used to having power over the other, to controlling their life. Now the challenge is to let go, to allow that person to develop according to his or her soul's need.

CHIRON INTERASPECTS

With Chiron interaspects to the personal planets there are certain challenges to heal wounding from the past in the area indicated by the personal planet: Mars, will; Venus, love; Mercury, the mind, and so on. Where the interaspects are each way, one person is offered the opportunity of making up for past hurts, the other of forgiving them and letting them go.

Where the aspect goes one way, then one person could be learning how to heal before going into a relationship with personal wounding attached—a practice run before dealing with a "biggie." If the interaspect relates to the present life, then deep wounding could take place and karma set in motion for the future.



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THE KARMA OF DIS-EASE

THE BIRTHCHART shows the soul's karma around health. The Sixth House is a repository for organic and attitudinal karma. Chiron shows the soul's wound, and planetary aspects can point to difficulties from another life that may impinge on the body in the present life.

The soul comes into incarnation with the possibility of organic and attitudinal karma affecting the body. The imprint of former disease or injury is carried from life to life and can be seen in the soul's energy body. This energy body affects how the physical body develops.

The planets and the signs have correspondences to particular parts of the body (see page 146) and aspects to planets, or planets in signs, can indicate the organs or parts of the body likely to be affected. Saturn aspecting Mercury, especially when Scorpio, the sign of elimination, is involved, may indicate that the soul has been so critical of itself in the past that it now incarnates with the seeds of problems such as irritable bowel syndrome. If Saturn or Mercury is placed in Gemini or Virgo, the signs ruled by Mercury, then the manifestation may be at a nervous or mental level. How much at ease the soul is in incarnation can also affect the body, creating disease. This is shown in the First House of the chart and may also appear in the Sixth House.

Certain planetary contacts or placements may indicate karma that will manifest at a physical level. Capricorn rules the skeleton and Leo the back, and Mars in Capricorn or Leo may indicate old injuries or a suppressed anger that presents as a back problem.

Depending on where the planets are placed, Pluto–Moon aspects can indicate that the body is carrying "gynecological karma," old experiences impinging on menstruation, conception, or childbirth. The body may carry a memory of past deaths in childbirth and find pregnancy a life-threatening process. This is particularly so when the Moon falls in Scorpio or the Sixth House. The Moon can also point to emotional disease or an emotional root to disease.

Sun-sign correspondences

Aries	Head
Taurus	Throat
Gemini	Lungs, respiratory, and nervous system
Cancer	Breasts, stomach, womb
Leo	Heart, back
Virgo	Nervous system
Libra	Kidneys
Scorpio	Reproduction, elimination
Sagittarius	Hips, thighs
Capricorn	Skeleton, knees
Aquarius	Calves, ankles
Pisces	Feet

Planet correspondences

Mercury	Respiration, brain, nervous system
Venus	Throat, kidney, lumbar, veins, parathyroid
Sun	Heart, back, spinal column, thymus
Moon	Breasts, reproductive system, body fluids, bile duct, digestive system, liver, pancreas
Jupiter	Liver, pituitary gland
Pluto	Reproductive system
Mars	Muscles, genito-urinary system
Neptune	Nervous system, hypothalamus
Uranus	Circulatory system, pineal gland, chemical/electrical circuitry in brain
Saturn	Bones, gall bladder, spleen, skin, teeth

PLANETS IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

The Sixth House is the House of Health; planets placed here show the kind of karma a soul has around health, both organic and attitudinal. It also shows the ease or dis-ease a soul experiences being in a body, and the places where dis-ease might manifest. Not all planets placed in the Sixth House have a deep karmic significance but planets placed here should be considered whenever dis-ease manifests. The major significators are the outer planets. The sign on the cusp of the Sixth House may also be important as both signs and planets have correspondences with the body.

As with all karma, the potential for disease may exist but not manifest. Events, in the inner or outer world, or experiences that bring out underlying emotional pain, may trigger that potential to manifest at any time during life.

♃ Jupiter in the Sixth House

When Jupiter is in the Sixth House, especially in contact with Saturn, or in Taurus, there was almost certainly overindulgence or abuse of the body. Overeating is a prime example, or having starved and vowed never to go hungry again. The liver will have been affected. Many eating disorders have their

roots in past life experiences and the astrological indication can be Jupiter in the Sixth House or in aspect to Venus.

♄ Saturn in the Sixth House

Saturn placed in the Sixth House often indicates chronic illness. This can be experienced through one's own body or by another. It can arise through an ingrained attitude or emotion carried forward from another life. As this placement is learning about psychosomatic disease and the body–mind link there is a strong connection with nursing or healing vocations.

♅ Uranus in the Sixth House

The karma in this instance is likely to be carried through the nervous system or the circuitry in the brain. The electrical signals may misfire or chemical production malfunction. Old injuries to the body that affected its stability are prime causes. Past life torture may reveal itself in present life tremors, for example. (Uranus in the Twelfth House may also be a significator.)

♆ Neptune and ♇ Pluto in the Sixth House

With Pluto or Neptune the disease almost certainly has strong karmic causes and will be difficult to track down. Both planets can relate to very subtle causes such as past life illnesses, and also to allergic reactions to substances ingested in the present life—but for which there is frequently a karmic base. Addictions are also common with this placement, either in the present life or in another.

Pluto is linked to phobias of all kinds and hypno-healing or Past Life Therapy can reveal the cause. Neptune may indicate psychiatric problems in another life or events from another life breaking through to create psychiatric problems in the present.

Depression (a Saturnine illness) in the present life may have its roots in another life. Sepia from cuttlefish was used to make ink. Artists, scribes, and clerks who licked their brush or quill became clinically depressed. In homeopathic potency, Sepia is a remedy for depression (based on the principle that like cures like). Homeopathy is the best treatment for many karmic diseases as it can deal with "miasmas" from the past. Past life tuberculosis, for example, which can underlie present life respiratory difficulties, whether passing through the ancestral line or from another life, responds to the homeopathic remedy tuberculinum. Chart indications would be Gemini and Mercury as they are linked to the respiratory system.

The expression "mad as a hatter" comes from the physiological effects of the mercury that was used in the millinery industry.

Hatters suffered from low-level mercury poisoning, which made them "mad." Mercury was a popular medicine for centuries before its toxic effects were recognized. Nowadays, mercury poisoning is sometimes the underlying cause of bipolar disorder and conditions such as M.E. (myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome). A person's propensity for sensitivity to mercury could have been laid down in another life.

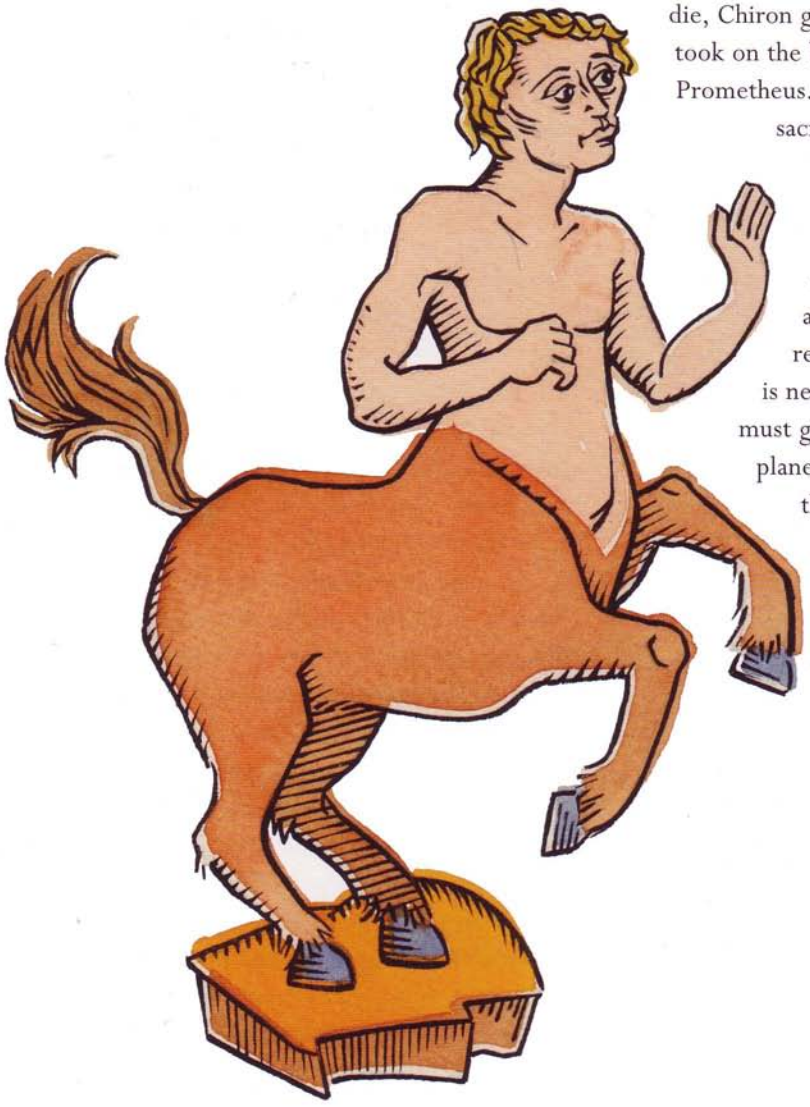
CHIRON AND THE KARMIC WOUND

Chiron wandered into our solar system and its eccentric orbit acts as a bridge between Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. It brings subconscious processes to light so that they can be healed. This is the wounded-healer planet, indicating where the soul has to release itself from suffering.

The maverick healer

In myth Chiron was a child of Saturn. Rejected by both parents, he was brought up by the sun-god Apollo and became both warrior and healer. As a god, he was immortal. But he was mortally wounded by one of the heroes he taught. The wound would not heal. In agony, but unable to die, Chiron gave up his immortality and took on the burden of a human, Prometheus. In renunciation and sacrifice, he found healing.

In the chart, Chiron indicates where renunciation may be required, where opposites and paradoxes have to be reconciled, where integration is needed, and where the soul must give up its suffering. This planet indicates the soul's wound that has been carried from life to life but it is also where the soul must heal.



Chiron through the signs and Houses

Chiron in Aries/First House
The wound is in the ego or the Self. Renunciation of ego may be called for. Healing comes through being centered in one's Self.

Chiron in Taurus/Second House
The wound is in the body, or in loss of self-worth or security. Healing comes through finding inner security. Body and soul have to be integrated.

Chiron in Gemini/Third House
The wound is in making one's Self heard. It can affect breathing. Healing comes through speaking one's truth.

Chiron in Cancer/Fourth House
The wound is emotional. The effect may be psychosomatic illness. Healing comes in emotional detachment and in nurturing one's Self.

Chiron in Leo/Fifth House
The wound is in the heart or in self-expression. Healing comes through being empowered and in resolving the head–heart paradox.

Chiron in Virgo/Sixth House
The wound may manifest at the mental or nervous-system level. Perfectionism and self-criticism may cause wounding. Healing comes through service to others.

Chiron in Libra/Seventh House
The wound is in relationship with others or with one's Self. The split between the needs of the self and another has to be healed, and inner relationship found.

Chiron in Scorpio/Eighth House
The wound may lie in unhealed past life–death experiences and other traumas. Healing comes through recognizing and integrating the dark parts of the soul.

Chiron in Sagittarius/Ninth House
Old beliefs may well have caused a wound in the soul, but attitudes can also wound. Healing comes in reprograming past beliefs.

Chiron in Capricorn/Tenth House
The skeletal system may carry a wound from the past and previous life authoritarianism can make itself felt. Healing comes in finding inner authority.

Chiron in Aquarius/Eleventh House
This soul may be the alienated outsider, scapegoat for the troubles of the world. Healing comes in reconciling the needs of the individual with those of society.

Chiron in Pisces/Twelfth House
The wound is loss of union with the divine. Healing comes through recognizing one's Self as divine and integrating this into everyday life.

Appendix 1

Days of the Moon

Day	Signs	Degrees
1	0	–
2	1	13
3	1	26
4	1–2	39
5	2	52
6	2	65
7	3	78
8	3	91
9	4	104
10	4	117
11	5	130
12	5	143
13	5–6	156
14	6	169
15	6	182
16	7	195
17	7	208
18	8	221
19	8	234
20	9	247
21	9	260
22	10	273
23	10	286
24	10–11	299
25	11	312
26	11	325
27	12	338
28	12	351
29	1	364
30	1	377
31	2	390

FINDING YOUR MOON SIGN

The Moon Tables on the following pages set out the positions of the Moon at noon Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on the first day of the month. This is equivalent to 7:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and 4:00 A.M. Pacific Standard Time (PST). If it is 1:00 P.M. British Summer Time (BST), in Western Australia it would be 8:00 P.M., and in the East 10:00 P.M.

The Moon changes signs every two and a half days or so, and moves around the zodiac in 28 or 29 days. (There are 30° in each zodiac sign; see the wheel opposite for the order of the signs.) If you have a natal chart, this will give the position of your Moon. If you do not have a chart, an astrologer or a computer will accurately calculate the position of your Moon, but you can work out a rough position using the Moon Tables that follow. With a little more calculation, you can find a somewhat more accurate position.

To find the rough position of your Moon

1 Find the position of the Moon on the first day of your birth month and year using the Moon Tables overleaf.

2 Using the Days of the Moon Table (left), find your day of birth.

3 Under "Signs," you will find the approximate number of signs of the zodiac that you need to count forward from the first of the month to midday on your birthday. This will give you an

approximate Moon placement, but it can be out by a sign either side—in which case read the descriptions of the Moons on either side to see which feels right to you. So, for example, if you were born on the 18th day of the month, you will need to move forward eight signs on the zodiac wheel. If the Moon is in Capricorn on the first of the month, this will take you to Virgo.

To find a more accurate Moon position

1 Find the position of the Moon on the first day of your birth month and year using the Moon Tables overleaf.

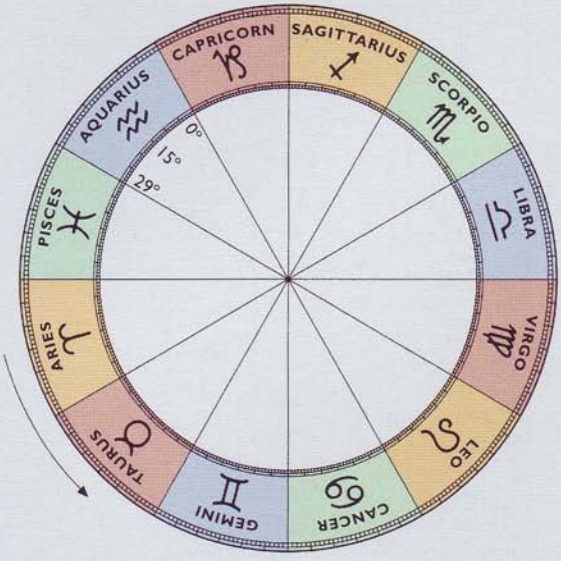
2 Find your day of birth on the Days of the Moon Table (opposite). Add the number of degrees shown in the "Degrees" column of the Days of the Moon Table to the Moon's position on the first day of your birthday month in the Moon Tables. (Use the zodiac wheel below to help you, remembering that one sign is 30°, two signs 60°, three signs 90°, and so on.)

3 Calculate your GMT time of birth (if you are not in the GMT time zone). (See pages 156–157 for US time zones and the UK and US Summer time adjustments.)

4 The Moon moves approximately one degree every two hours. If you were born before noon GMT, subtract half a degree for each hour separating your time of birth from noon. If you were born after noon, add half a degree for each hour until your time of birth. So, for example, if you were born at 6:00 A.M. GMT (or its equivalent) and the table for your day of birth showed the Moon at 15° a (Aries), you would subtract 3°, giving you a Moon placement of 12° Aries. If you were born at 6:00 P.M., then the placement would be 18° Aries. (See the example overleaf.)

If you do not have a time of birth

If you do not know your time of birth, calculate for noon. Check whether the Moon could have changed signs during the day (is it within 6° of the end or beginning of a sign?). If it could have, read the interpretation for the other sign. You will know from the description of the signs which is right for you.



There are 30 degrees in each sign around the zodiac wheel.

EXAMPLAR CHART: FINDING A MORE ACCURATE MOON POSITION

For someone born at 5:30 p.m. on April 27, 1964, in London, the moon position calculations would be:

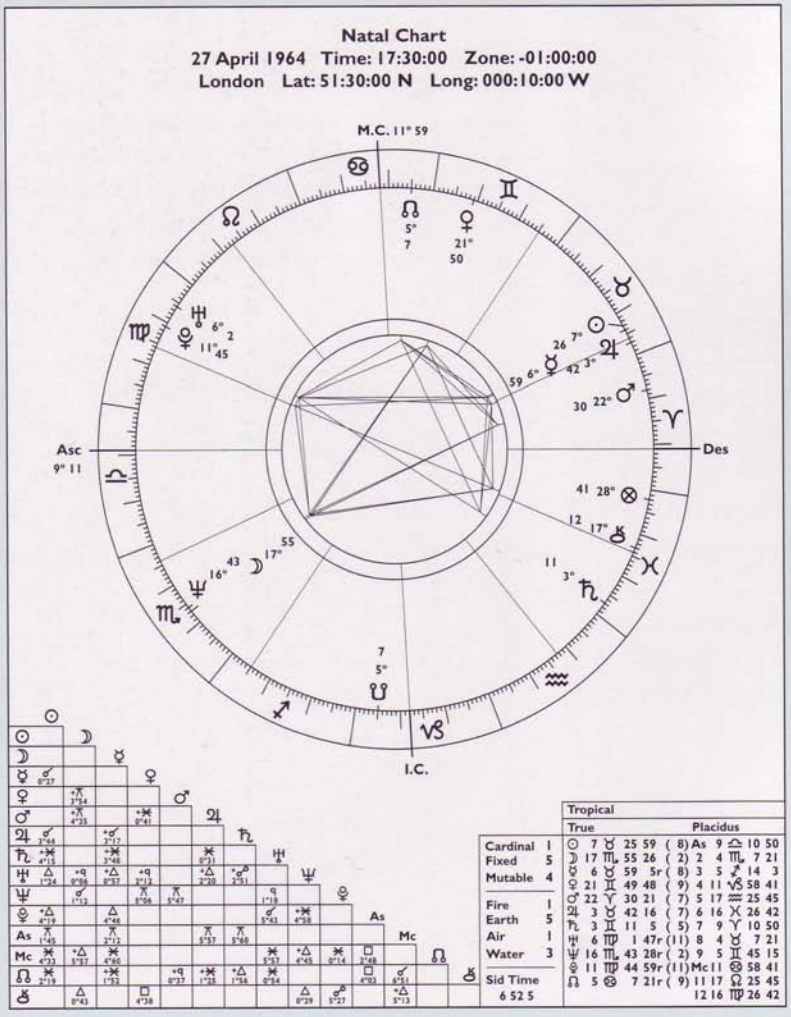
1 The position of the moon on the first day of the month and year = 1° Sagittarius

2 The day of birth on the Moon Table is 27 and the number of degrees = 338°. Total = 339°

3 No adjustment needed for Greenwich Mean Time.

4 The number of full hours after midday that the birth took place is five, so additional degrees = 2°. Total = 341°

5 Counting 341° from Sagittarius, the moon is in Scorpio.



Actual moon position = 17° Scorpio

Moon Tables

♈ Aries ♋ Cancer ♎ Libra ♑ Capricorn

♉ Taurus ♌ Leo ♏ Scorpio ♒ Aquarius

♊ Gemini ♍ Virgo ♐ Sagittarius ♓ Pisces

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1920	9°♉	2°♋	26°♋	17°♍	22°♎	8°♐	10°♑	26°♒	14°♈	21°♉	14°♋	23°♌
1921	14°♎	0°♐	9°♐	23°♑	25°♒	9°♈	14°♉	5°♋	29°♌	7°♎	27°♏	1°♑
1922	16°♒	0°♈	9°♈	25°♉	1°♋	23°♌	2°♎	25°♏	14°♑	18°♒	2°♈	4°♉
1923	20°♊	9°♌	17°♌	10°♎	18°♏	11°♑	16°♒	1°♈	15°♉	17°♊	3°♌	9°♍
1924	0°♏	24°♐	19°♑	9°♓	13°♈	28°♉	1°♋	16°♌	5°♎	13°♏	6°♑	15°♒
1925	4°♈	21°♉	29°♉	12°♋	14°♌	29°♍	4°♏	26°♐	20°♒	28°♓	18°♉	22°♊
1926	6°♌	20°♍	29°♍	16°♏	23°♐	15°♒	25°♓	17°♉	5°♋	8°♌	22°♍	24°♎
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1928	23°♈	16°♊	10°♋	0°♍	4°♎	18°♏	21°♐	7°♒	26°♓	4°♉	28°♊	6°♌
1929	27°♍	11°♏	18°♏	2°♑	4°♒	20°♓	25°♈	17°♊	11°♌	19°♍	8°♏	12°♐
1930	26°♑	11°♓	24°♓	7°♉	14°♊	8°♌	17°♍	8°♏	25°♐	28°♑	12°♓	14°♈
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1935	20°♏	11°♑	19°♑	12°♓	21°♈	12°♊	16°♋	1°♍	16°♎	19°♏	7°♑	14°♒
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1941	25°♒	9°♈	17°♈	1°♊	5°♋	23°♌	0°♎	23°♏	16°♑	23°♒	10°♈	13°♉
1942	27°♊	13°♌	21°♌	10°♎	18°♏	12°♑	20°♒	9°♈	25°♉	27°♊	11°♌	13°♍
1943	1°♏	23°♐	2°♑	26°♒	4°♈	23°♉	27°♊	11°♌	26°♍	1°♏	20°♐	29°♑

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1944	22°♓	14°♉	6°♊	22°♋	24°♌	8°♎	10°♏	28°♐	19°♒	28°♓	21°♉	28°♊
1945	15°♌	29°♍	7°♎	22°♏	26°♐	14°♒	22°♓	16°♉	8°♋	14°♌	0°♎	3°♏
1946	17°♐	3°♒	11°♒	1°♈	9°♉	3°♋	10°♌	29°♍	15°♏	16°♐	0°♒	3°♓
1947	22°♈	14°♊	24°♊	16°♌	25°♍	14°♏	17°♐	2°♒	17°♓	22°♈	12°♊	21°♋
1948	14°♍	5°♏	26°♏	12°♑	14°♒	28°♓	0°♉	18°♊	10°♌	19°♍	12°♏	18°♐
1949	5°♒	19°♓	28°♓	12°♉	16°♊	6°♌	15°♍	8°♏	29°♐	5°♒	21°♓	23°♈
1950	7°♊	24°♋	1°♌	22°♍	0°♏	24°♐	1°♒	19°♓	4°♉	6°♊	21°♋	24°♌
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1952	5°♓	25°♈	16°♉	2°♋	3°♌	17°♍	20°♎	9°♐	1°♒	10°♓	2°♉	8°♊
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1955	5°♈	28°♉	9°♊	2°♌	8°♍	25°♎	28°♏	12°♑	28°♒	3°♈	25°♉	3°♋
1956	26°♌	16°♎	7°♏	21°♐	23°♑	7°♓	11°♈	0°♊	23°♋	2°♍	24°♎	29°♏
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1960	17°♒	6°♈	26°♈	11°♊	13°♋	27°♌	1°♎	21°♏	15°♑	23°♒	14°♈	20°♉
1961	5°♋	20°♌	28°♌	14°♎	19°♏	11°♑	20°♒	13°♈	3°♊	7°♋	21°♌	22°♍
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1967	12°♍	6°♏	16°♏	6°♑	11°♒	25°♓	27°♈	11°♊	28°♋	5°♍	27°♎	6°♐
1968	28°♑	16°♓	6°♈	20°♉	23°♊	8°♌	14°♍	5°♏	28°♐	7°♒	27°♓	1°♉
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1970	17°♎	5°♐	15°♐	8°♒	17°♓	8°♉	14°♊	0°♌	14°♍	17°♎	5°♐	12°♑
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1972	18°♋	5°♍	26°♍	10°♏	13°♐	29°♑	5°♓	28°♈	21°♊	29°♋	18°♍	22°♎
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1975	26°♌	19°♎	28°♎	17°♐	21°♑	5°♓	6°♈	21°♉	9°♋	16°♌	9°♎	18°♏
1976	8°♑	25°♒	16°♓	1°♉	3°♊	20°♋	27°♌	20°♎	13°♐	21°♑	9°♓	12°♈
1977	26°♉	10°♋	18°♋	0°♍	12°♎	5°♐	14°♑	6°♓	23°♈	25°♉	9°♋	12°♌
1978	28°♍	18°♏	29°♏	22°♑	1°♓	21°♈	26°♉	18°♋	25°♌	28°♍	17°♏	24°♐
1979	18°♒	10°♈	18°♈	7°♊	10°♋	24°♌	26°♍	11°♏	0°♑	7°♒	1°♈	9°♉
1980	29°♊	16°♌	6°♍	21°♎	24°♏	12°♑	19°♒	12°♈	5°♊	12°♋	29°♌	2°♎
1981	16°♏	0°♑	8°♑	26°♒	3°♈	26°♉	5°♋	26°♌	13°♎	15°♏	29°♐	2°♒
1982	19°♓	10°♉	21°♉	15°♋	23°♌	12°♎	16°♏	1°♑	15°♒	18°♓	8°♉	15°♊
1983	9°♌	1°♎	9°♎	27°♏	0°♑	14°♒	16°♓	2°♉	21°♊	29°♋	23°♍	1°♏
1984	20°♐	6°♒	27°♒	11°♈	15°♉	3°♋	11°♌	4°♎	27°♏	3°♑	20°♒	22°♓
1985	5°♉	20°♊	28°♊	16°♌	24°♍	17°♏	26°♐	16°♒	3°♈	5°♉	19°♊	23°♋
1986	11°♍	3°♏	14°♏	7°♑	15°♒	3°♈	7°♉	21°♊	5°♌	9°♍	28°♎	6°♐
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1988	11°♊	26°♋	17°♌	1°♎	5°♏	24°♐	2°♒	26°♓	18°♉	24°♊	10°♌	11°♍
1989	25°♎	10°♐	18°♐	7°♒	15°♓	9°♉	17°♊	7°♌	23°♍	25°♎	10°♐	14°♑
1990	3°♓	25°♈	8°♉	29°♊	6°♌	24°♍	27°♎	10°♐	25°♑	29°♒	19°♈	27°♉
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2002	7°♌	1°♎	9°♎	2°♐	7°♑	23°♒	26°♓	9°♉	24°♊	29°♋	21°♍	0°♏
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2004	2°♉	17°♊	6°♋	22°♌	26°♍	17°♏	25°♐	19°♒	10°♈	14°♉	28°♊	29°♋
2005	15°♍	6°♏	12°♏	3°♑	14°♒	6°♈	13°♉	29°♊	14°♌	16°♍	1°♏	7°♐

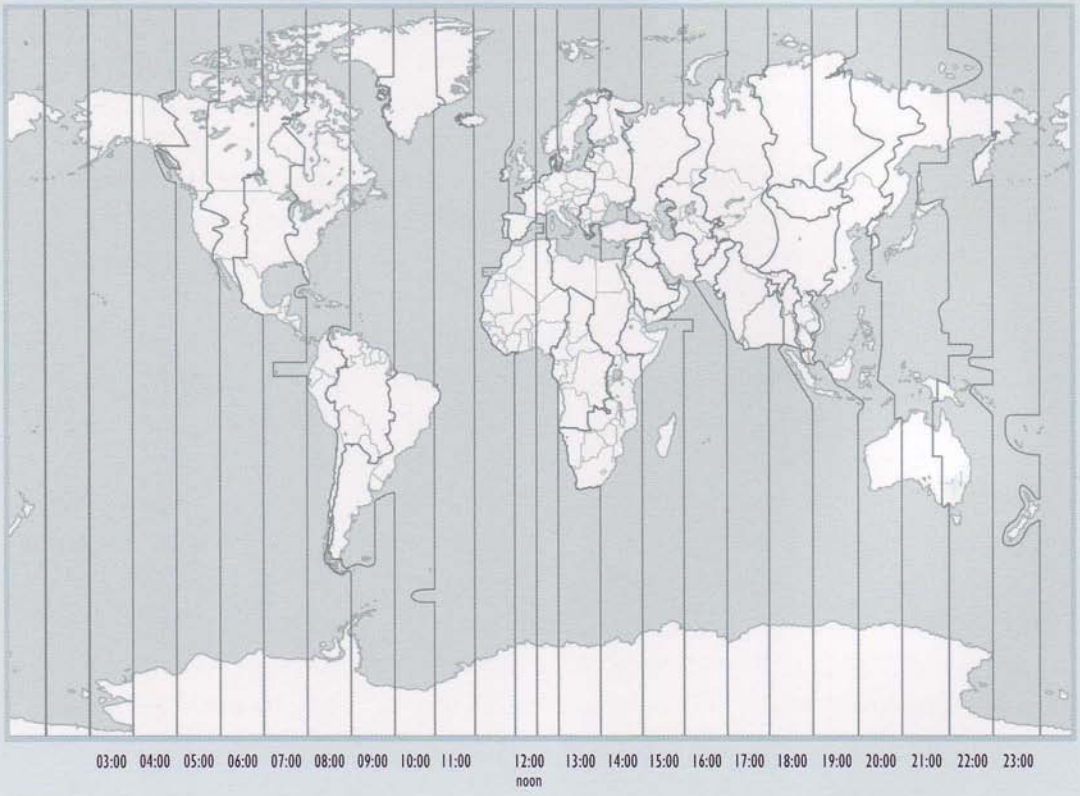
Appendix 2

ASTROLOGICAL TIME

Astrologers use Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in their calculations. If you live in a time zone that is different from GMT, you will need to make the appropriate time adjustment.

The world is divided into different time zones. Some countries have only one time zone, but larger countries like the United States need several divisions. If you live east of London, add the time difference to your time of birth. If you live to the west subtract your birthtime from it to give GMT.

TIME ZONES



BST (UNITED KINGDOM)

1920	28 Mar	25 Oct
1921	3 Apr	3 Oct
1922	26 Mar	8 Apr
1923	22 Mar	16 Sep
1924	13 Mar	21 Sep
1925	19 Mar	4 Oct
1926	18 Mar	3 Oct
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1939	16 Mar	19 Nov
1940	25 Feb	31 Dec
1941	1 Jan	4 May
1941	10 Aug	31 Dec
1942	1 Jan	5 Apr
1942	9 Aug	31 Dec
1943	1 Jan	4 Apr
1943	15 Aug	31 Dec
1944	1 Jan	2 Apr
1944	17 Sep	31 Dec
1945	1 Jan	2 Apr
1945	15 Jul	7 Oct
1946	14 Apr	6 Oct
1947	16 Mar	13 Apr
1947	10 Aug	2 Nov
1948	14 Mar	31 Oct
1949	3 Apr	30 Oct
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1954	11 Apr	3 Oct
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1956	22 Apr	7 Oct
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1959	19 Apr	4 Oct
1960	10 Apr	2 Oct
1961	26 Apr	29 Oct
1962	25 Mar	28 Oct
1963	31 Mar	27 Oct
1964	22 Mar	25 Oct
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1967	19 Mar	29 Oct
1968	18 Feb	31 Dec
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1975	16 Mar	26 Oct
1976	21 Mar	24 Oct
1977	20 Mar	23 Oct
1978	19 Mar	29 Oct
1979	18 Mar	28 Oct
1980	16 Mar	26 Oct
1981	29 Mar	25 Oct
1982	28 Mar	24 Oct
1983	27 Mar	23 Oct
1984	25 Mar	28 Oct
1985	31 Mar	27 Oct

Double Summer Time

1941	4 May	10 Aug
1942	5 Apr	9 Aug
1943	4 Apr	15 Aug
1944	2 Apr	17 Sep
1945	2 Apr	15 Jul
1947	13 Apr	10 Aug

British Summer Time and Double Summer Time

British Summer Time (BST) is an hour ahead of GMT. Deduct one hour from BST to give GMT. Starting in 1986, BST came into operation on the last Sunday in March and ended on the last Sunday in October. Earlier dates are given above. From 1941 to 1947, Double Summer Time was in operation and two hours may have to be deducted from a wartime birth.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (SUMMER TIME) IN THE UNITED STATES

1918	31 Mar	27 Oct
1919	30 Mar	26 Oct
1942	9 Feb	31 Dec
1943	1 Jan	31 Dec
1944	1 Jan	31 Dec
1945	1 Jan	30 Sep
1948	14 Mar	1 Jan
1950	30 Apr	24 Sep
1951	29 Apr	30 Sep
1952	27 Apr	28 Sep
1953	26 Apr	27 Sep
1954	25 Apr	26 Sep
1955	24 Apr	25 Sep
1956	29 Apr	30 Sep
1957	27 Apr	29 Sep
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1985	28 Apr	27 Oct
1986	27 Apr	26 Oct
1987	26 Apr	25 Oct
1988	24 Apr	30 Oct
1989	30 Apr	29 Oct
1990	29 Apr	28 Oct

American Daylight Saving

Since 1966, Daylight Saving has been uniform in the United States. To calculate GMT, subtract one hour from Daylight Saving Time and adjust according to time differences shown on the Time Zone map.

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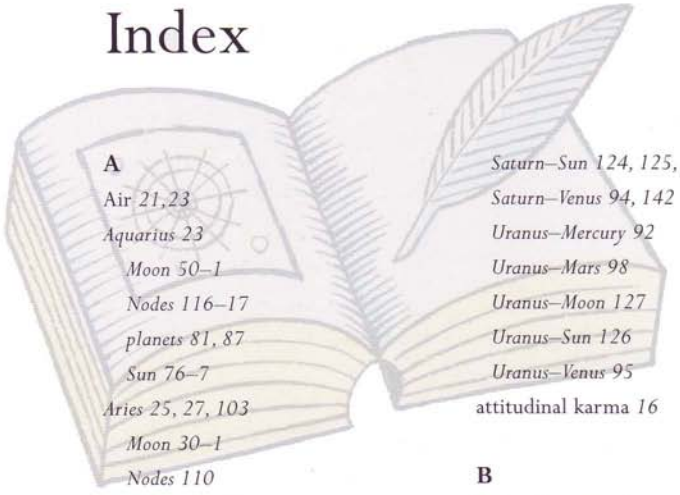

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Aquarius 23
Moon 50–1
Nodes 116–17
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